

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT



"As a sociology major I really enjoy learning about social inequalities and social theories. My professors have encouraged me to ask questions and think critically. I feel like I can do anything as long as I set my mind to it."

Danielle Clemons, Class of 2013
Pursued at Truman: Sociology
Currently pursuing: A masters degree at Northern Illinois University
Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Exploring Societies of the World

Sociology/Anthropology majors will examine human behavior and human conditions at levels that range from individuals in society to larger social structures and cultural patterns. While sociology focuses more on large-scale, industrialized societies like the one we live in, anthropology emphasizes smaller-scale societies and long-term patterns of biological and cultural change. Geography is concerned with the interaction of natural and cultural processes on the earth's surface, the influence of the natural environment on human activities and the way humans have altered the natural environment.

Learn through understanding and action. Prepare for a life that matters.

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PURSUING SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

**BA
BS**
DEGREES OFFERED

MAJORS OFFERED

**Sociology/
Anthropology**

6
full-time faculty members

MINORS OFFERED

**Sociology and
Anthropology**

110

approximate number of students pursuing one of these majors

100

approximate number of students pursuing one of these minors

100%

of majors engaged in research

DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students for Social Change, Anthropology Club, Truman in Africa, Cultural and Societal Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta, and Lambda Alpha

Faculty

- Faculty members are professionally active at the local, state, national, and international levels of many prestigious organizations.
- Faculty also regularly travel to study, conduct research, present at conferences, and, occasionally, take undergraduate students with them on their travels.
 - In recent years, faculty have traveled to western Europe, India, Argentina, Chile, Africa, Mexico, and South Africa.
- Visiting Scholars: These scholars visit campus to consult with colleagues, deliver public lectures, and talk to classes. We facilitate interactions between our students and our visiting scholars by hosting receptions and dinners to foster casual interaction.
- To learn more about our faculty, visit: truman.edu/soan-faculty

Curriculum

- Receive a solid disciplinary foundation with integrated development of knowledge and skills, preparing you for a method and theory core and a chance to explore a wide range of special topics in upper level courses.
- Complete a Senior Capstone experience which consists of a 2 semester sequence focused on preparation of applications to graduate school, jobs, and post-graduation internships, as well as polishing the product of an upper-level research experience or course to prepare for wider presentation and/or publication.
- Our students' scores on the Major Field Test in Sociology puts our program in the top 5-10% nationwide.

Beyond the Classroom

Undergraduate Research Conduct research on campus, either with a Truman faculty member or as an independent research project.

- Receive Grants-in-Aid of Scholarship during the school year, participate in the McNair Program, or become a part of the Tru-Scholars Research Program in the summer.
- Attend regional meetings such as the Midwest Sociological Association and the Central State Anthropological Society to present your work.
- Present research at national meetings like the National Council on Undergraduate Research, the Honors Program of the American Sociological Association, the Society for American Archeology, and at the American Anthropological Association.



"With some students from as far away as Nepal or Shanghai, and others from the U.S. Midwest, classes in this department can be especially dynamic."

Dr. Anton Daughters
Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Internships Participate in internships, either part-time or during the semester. Stay in Kirksville, head to your hometown, or check out our internships abroad!

- Previous internship sites include the Department of Family Services, the Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency, juvenile justice centers, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), hospice, organic co-operative farms, national parks, and historical museums.

Study Abroad Choose from two credit-bearing trips sponsored by the department, or from 500 other programs in over 60 countries!

- **Democracy and Human Rights in South Africa:** Travel to Cape Town, South Africa in the summer for a 6-week, internship-based program. Gain 20 days of experience with different non-profit social service, medical, educational, and social justice agencies under the guidance of Dr. McDuff.
- **Globalization and Culture Change in Chile:** Join a 3-week study abroad program during winter break. Become immersed in the culture of southern Chile's archipelago of Chiloé with the direction of Dr. Daughters. Learn about the region's ongoing cultural and economic changes through homestays with rural families and participant observation fieldwork.

Departmental Student Organizations Organize events to support your interests with the Anthropology Club and Students for Social Change.

- Activities include trips to archeological sites and an annual Social Justice Week.
- Majors who achieve high levels of academic success are also invited to participate in the Cultural and Societal Honor Society (for both Anthropology and Sociology), Lambda Alpha (the national Anthropology Honor Society), and Alpha Kappa Delta (the national Sociology Honor Fraternity).
- Earn Departmental Honors for your academic achievements and active engagement in the discipline outside of the classroom.

After the Degree

- 60% of graduates attend graduate school. Some recent institutions include the following: University of Missouri Arizona State University, University of Connecticut, University of California – Santa Cruz, University of Alabama, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Washington State University.
- Alumni have pursued graduate level programs in the following areas: Anthropology PhD, International Relations PhD, Sociology PhD, Doctor of Jurisprudence, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Master of Social Work, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Museum Studies, Master of Arts in Counseling, and Global Public Policy.
- Find employment like fellow graduates in: AmeriCorps, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Passport Office, United Way of Iowa, Los Angeles Food Bank, Lake Mead Law Enforcement, Conflict Analysis at Husch, Blackwell, Sanders, Liberty Public Schools, Maguire Law Associates, US Peace Corps, and Ministry of Finance in Malawi.