

Sociology BS  
College of Arts & Sciences  
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Within the context of the University's mission, the mission of the Department is to provide students with a quality liberal arts education that prepares them for a rapidly changing world and a variety of work environments and post-graduate educational possibilities.

The Department of Sociology and Political Science has the primary mission of offering strong academic programs in sociology, criminology and criminal justice, social work and political science. It provides students with a quality liberal arts education that prepares them for a rapidly changing world and a variety of work environments and post-graduate educational possibilities. Students are educated to not only master a diverse body of knowledge but also to think critically, analyze data, and clearly communicate what they know and discover. Recognizing that we live in an increasingly technological and diverse world, we seek to incorporate technological expertise and appreciation of human diversity into our courses. The Department also strives to serve the wider university, the Upper Cumberland region, and the nation through research and public service.

The Program of Sociology will maintain student enrollment or not decrease more than 10% in student enrollment annually.

The Program will monitor enrollment rates.

The SOC enrollment threshold is 175;



1. The threshold of acceptability for the Qualtrics student satisfaction survey is that the majority of students are on the positive side of the Likert responses (Somewhat agree, Agree, or Strongly Agree)
2. The threshold of acceptability for the student-evaluated curriculum map is that the students determine a majority of the courses prepare them for written and oral communication as well as prepare them for proficiency in their concentration. Absent this, a re-evaluation of the curriculum would be undertaken.
3. The threshold of acceptability is to offer co-

Educational Testing Services (ETS) major field examination is administered each fall and spring semester to all enrolled majors with senior classification.

Performance at a level comparable to the national mean is expected.

ETS Major Field Assessment Indicator			
Spring 2023	N	TTU Mean	National Mean
Criminology and Deviance	26	36	40.9
Methodology	26	35	42.7
Social Institutions	26	33	41.3

To seek improvement, faculty will re-evaluate implementation of a capstone course after the 2023-2024 ETS audit data student results.

Majors in Sociology will demonstrate critical thinking skills comparable to the Tech university-wide and national sociology averages.

1. The California Critical Thinking Skills Test (CCTST) is a senior exit exam taken by all graduate seniors at Tennessee Tech University. Sociology majors will average 90% of the TTU average on the California Critical Thinking Skills Test (CCTST).
2. Departmentally-designed Qualtrics student satisfaction survey. A departmentally-designed Qualtrics student satisfaction survey is now annually circulated among Sociology Majors. Students are surveyed regarding the sufficiency of their curricular options.

*Thinking about the entire sociology curriculum, please tell us your level of agreement with the following statements (Strongly Disagree Strongly Agree)*

- *The sociology curriculum has improved my ability to think critically. 74.20% of responding majors either strongly agree or agree.*



2. Social Work students are required to complete a clinical internship as part of their curriculum. To assess Social Work students' success in the concentration, we use an Internship Evaluation Form, completed by the Agency Supervisor to gauge students' overall performance on the internship requirement of the Social Work concentration. Student performance is rated, and the final question is a scale of one to five where students' work in the internship can be correlated to outstanding, good, average, fair or poor.
1. Scores within 10% on the ETS Criminology/Deviance Major Field Subscore are expected annually.
  2. Ninety percent of Sociology-Social Work students are expected to be rated at a level above average (outstanding or good) by their supervisor at the completion of their required internship.

ETS Major Field Test - Criminology and Deviance

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Social Work Student Intern Evaluations

Spring 2023	21	21
Spring 2022	21	20

Sociology students met the criteria for success for both the SOC-CRCJ and SOC-SW

Faculty Recruitment Initiatives of New Majors

(Weekly) Faculty one-on-one VIP Student Recruitment sessions; and

Preview Day recruitment of freshmen Saturday Event; and

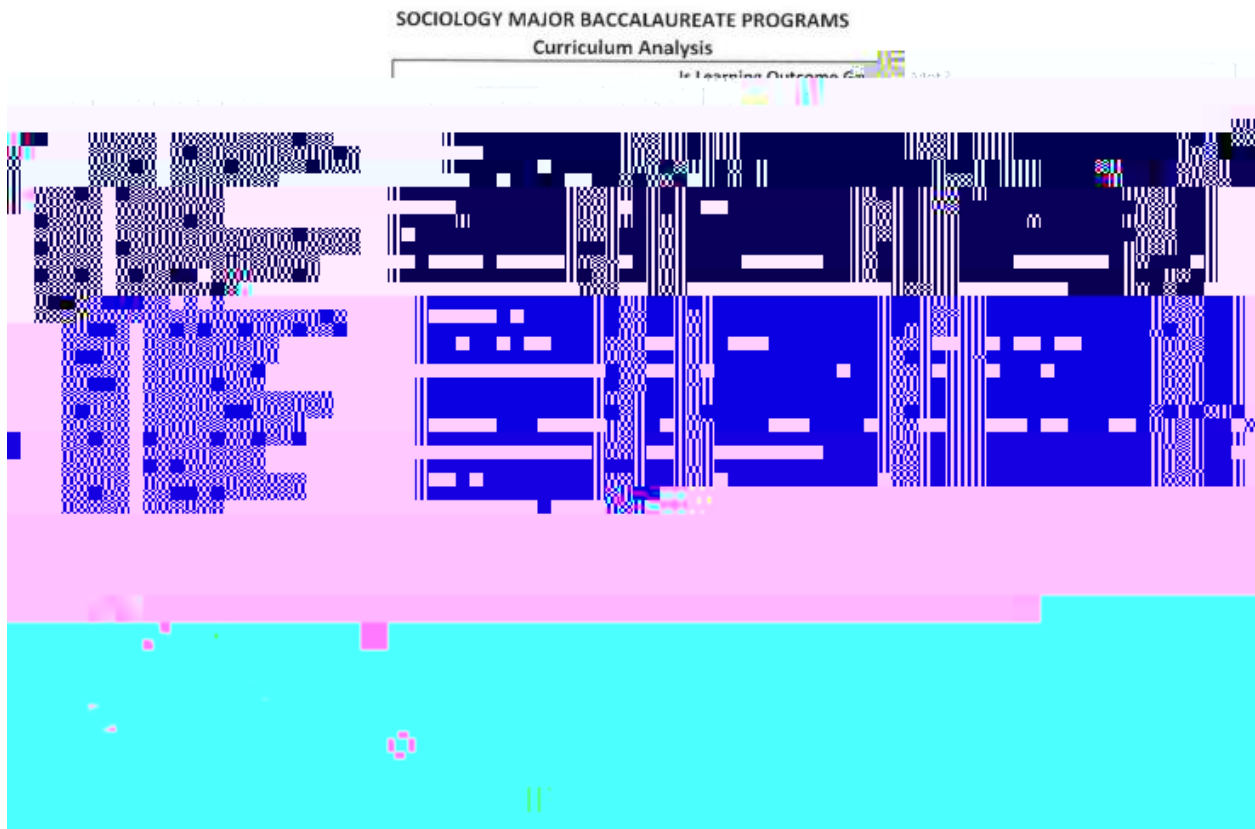
Spring Showcase Recruitment of freshmen- Saturday events

Faculty-led Departmental introductions to SOARS\_ Student Orientation, Advisement, Registration, Scheduling

To improve ETS results and student knowledge, faculty will re-evaluate the implementation of a capstone course.

Sociology students scored 90% of TTU's mean on the CCTST but, to seek improvement, faculty will be asked to emphasize "critical th.6:k5(bng)"Qq0.00000912 0 612 792 reW\*ñBT/F2 12 Tf1 0 0 1 98.5

# Appendix 1: Sociology BS Curriculum Map





Appendix 1: Sociology BS Curriculum Map, cont.

