

Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice Mission Statements

Sociology

To prepare students to apply a professional foundation, critical thinking, and a Christian perspective as they engage the evolving social world.

Social Work Program Mission

At its core, the purpose of the social work program is to prepare competent social work professionals who are motivated to gracefully serve others as an expression of their faith. In the context of the intersection of the goals of the University and those of professional social work practice, this mission is further articulated:

The mission of the baccalaureate social work program is to develop competent professionals who are committed to serving others through acquisition and integration of the essential knowledge, skills, and values that form the foundation of generalist practice in the social work profession; who are motivated to promote social justice; and who understand that a Wesleyan perspective, a desire for continuous personal development, and respectful engagement in the community that empowers others are integral components of the means for relating to God through service.

Criminal Justice

The concentration in criminal justice for a sociology major prepares students to enter careers in the criminal justice system, including careers in law enforcement, courts, and corrections, and instill a knowledge of the role and significance of social, political, religious, and economic factors on individuals and society.