

Course Outline for SOC2222 — Sociology of Agriculture

Credits:	3 (3/0/0)
Description:	Meets MnTC Goal Area 5. The central theme of this course is to understand the institutions and processes critical to farm success. Students will utilize sociological perspectives to study the many aspects of a local food system.
Prerequisites:	(None)
Corequisites:	(None)
Competencies:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compare three sociological paradigms. 2. Define the parts of a local food system. 3. Discuss the effects of primary and secondary social institutions on agricultural activities. 4. Explain the effects of economic trends and policies for agricultural activities. 5. Outline the impacts of government policies (local, county, state and federal) on agricultural activities. 6. Investigate the agenda and services of agriculture advocacy organizations. 7. Describe the services of two governmental agricultural agencies. 8. Investigate the parameters of three certifying agencies, relative to agricultural enterprises. 9. Investigate the importance of resource acquisition in allowing future agricultural enterprises to flourish. 10. Outline a general social network appropriate to an agricultural enterprise. 11. Identify a social network appropriate to the student's desired agricultural activities. 12. Outline the equity and social justice issues regarding labor in agriculture. 13. Demonstrate social activism relative to a particular agricultural issue.
Goal Areas:	(5) History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences