The minor in rural sociology provides (1) an understanding of sociological concepts important to the analysis of change in rural societies, (2) an understanding of trends in the structure of rural societies, (3) an understanding of the influence of social and cultural factors on rural and agricultural development as well as the impact of development on rural groups and cultures, and (4) opportunities to apply sociological concepts to specific case studies related to rural and agricultural development, population, and natural resource/environmental issues.

The rural sociology minor serves students whose interests include the sociological dimensions of agriculture, rural population, rural development, and natural resources and the environment.

The minor consists of 20 hours selected as listed below. If you follow the guidelines on this sheet in completing the minor, you should file the Minor Program Form with your college or school counselor. Any variation from the program described on this sheet needs the approval of the coordinating or assistant coordinating advisor.

**Required courses (5 credit hours)**
Rural Sociology 662 (5) (was 562)

**Students must select an additional 15 hours from the following:**
Rural Sociology 378 (5), 622 (5), 666 (5), 678 (5), 697(5)
Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics/International Studies 597.01 (5)
Agricultural Communication 650 (5)

**Rural Sociology minor program guidelines**
The following guidelines govern this minor.

**Required for graduation**  No

**Credit hours required**  A minimum of 20

**Transfer credit hours allowed**  A maximum of 10

**Overlap with the GEC**  Permitted, up to 5 credit hours

**Overlap with the major**  Not allowed and
- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

**Overlap between minors**  Each minor completed must contain 20 unique hours.

**Grades required**
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

**Approval required**
The minor program description sheet indicates if the minor course work must be approved by:
- A college/school counselor

**Filing the minor program form**  The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

**Changing the minor**  Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by:
- A college/school counselor