

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY—The Department of Sociology invites applications for a Tenure Track Assistant Professor to join the faculty in Fall 2027 in Criminology, using either qualitative or quantitative methods. The position requires research and teaching expertise on the criminal justice system or with criminal justice policy. Preference will be given to candidates who can also teach Statistics or Theory. Completion of the Ph.D. in Sociology or a related field by the time of hire is required. The position requires active participation in research, on campus undergraduate and graduate teaching, and service responsibilities within the department.

The Department has 22 faculty members, more than 400 undergraduate majors and 40 sociology graduate students. Programs offered include bachelor's degrees in Applied Sociology, Criminology, Social Work, and Sociology. The Department also houses a master's and PhD program in Sociology <http://www.sociology.msstate.edu>. The Department has strong ties to the African American Studies Program, Gender Studies Program, the Social Science Research Center, the National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center, and the Southern Rural Development Center.

The largest university in the state, Mississippi State University is a public, land grant university of approximately 23,500 students that is classified as Doctoral/Research Extensive by the Carnegie Foundation. Located in Starkville, MS, frequently named as a top college town in the South and recently named as the “[Best Small Town in the South](#),” the community is friendly and welcoming!

All applicants must apply online at www.msujobs.msstate.edu (PARF #510745) and attach a curriculum vitae, a cover letter which should describe research and teaching interests, and any supporting materials that demonstrate research, teaching and/or service achievements. Three letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Department via email at pjj12@msstate.edu. Review of applications begins September 30, 2026, though applications will be accepted and reviewed until both positions are filled.

MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, disability status, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.