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Historical Note

From 1906 to 1924, sociology classes were taught in the economics department. In 1924, sociology became its own department. In 1944, the department changed its name to sociology and anthropology. In 1964, the name changed to the sociology department when anthropology separated from it. The sociology department is currently administered by the College of Social Science.

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Scope and Contents

The records consist of reports and publications, information about graduate studies, materials related to rural sociology, and curriculum materials. There are also graduate student manuals, an undergraduate student manual, and department meeting minutes. Reports of note include Students' Beliefs About Post-War Problems, 1944; Social Backgrounds of MSU Athletes, circa 1962; Centennial Farms in Michigan, 1956; Social Effects of the Depression, 1938; and Utopian Communities in the United States, 1943. Also included are two reports by Christopher Sower, a MSU sociology professor. The records also include departmental meeting minutes from 1989-2005 which document changes in departmental policy and procedure.

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