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**Degrees Offered**

Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy

**Special Departmental Requirements**

See also [general University Graduate School requirements](#).

**Master of Arts Degree****Admission Requirements**

Fifteen credit hours in sociology with a 3.3 (B+) grade point average (may be waived for students with a strong undergraduate record in another field); satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination General Test; three letters of recommendation.

**Course Requirements**

A total of 30 credit hours, including 6 credit hours of the Sociological Research Practicum (S566 and either S567 or S569), S554, and either S510 or S530. An introductory undergraduate statistics course, such as S371, is a prerequisite for S554.

**Grades**

Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.3 (B+) in all course work. No grade below B- in sociology courses will be counted toward this degree.

**Essay**

The essay requirement is fulfilled by enrollment and participation in S566 and either S567 or S569 and preparation of an acceptable research paper.

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree****Admission Requirements**

Completion of the M.A. degree (or equivalent training) in sociology at a recognized institution with a grade point average of 3.3 (B+) or higher (students with a master's degree in a related field may be admitted, but may be required to remove deficiencies), three letters of recommendation, and satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination General Test.

**Course Requirements**

A total of 90 credit hours, consisting of no fewer than 60 credit hours of course work (including the 30 credit hours counting toward the M.A.) and up to 30 credit hours of dissertation research (S869). The required courses are those specified for the M.A. (including both S510 and S530), S540, S558, S650, one advanced methodology course, three 600-level courses, one 700-level seminar, and two elective courses.

## **Grades**

Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.3 (B+) in all course work. No grade below B- in sociology courses will be counted toward this degree.

## **Outside Minor**

Required (usually 9-15 credit hours); may be chosen from African studies, Afro-American studies, anthropology, Asian studies, business, cultural studies, economics, education, gender studies, geography, history, history and philosophy of science, human sexuality, Latin American and Caribbean studies, law, linguistics, mathematics, political science, population studies, psychology, religious studies, or West European studies. A field not listed may be chosen with approval of the director of graduate studies.

## **Qualifying Examinations**

All doctoral students are expected to demonstrate proficiency in sociological methods either by achieving a GPA of 3.3 (B+) or above in the required statistics and methods course sequence (S554, S558, S650, one advanced methods course), or by passing a doctoral examination in methodology. In addition, students must pass a written qualifying exam in a research specialty of their choosing. This qualifying exam is to be completed by the start of the student's fourth year in the graduate program.

## **Dissertation Proposal**

Students must pass an oral defense of their dissertation proposal.

## **Final Examination**

Oral defense of the dissertation.

## **Ph.D. Minor in Sociology**

Students from other departments or schools who wish to minor in sociology should consult with the director of graduate studies, who will ordinarily serve as the minor advisor. Students will be required to complete 12 credit hours of course work; these courses must be completed with a grade point average of at least 3.0 (B). No more than one course should be taken below the 500 level. These requirements may be modified in particular cases by the director of graduate studies.

## **Courses**

### **400-Level**

Courses in the 400s listed here are open to graduate students with the prior approval of the director of graduate studies in sociology and the course instructor.

**S409 Social Context of Schooling (3 cr.)**

**S410 Topics in Social Organization (3 cr.)**

**S413 Gender and Society (3 cr.)**

**S417 Conversation Analysis (3 cr.)**

**S419 Social Movements and Collective Action (3 cr.)**

**S420 Topics in Deviance (3 cr.)<sup>1</sup>**

**S427 Social Conflict (3 cr.)**

**S431 Topics in Social Psychology (3 cr.)**

**S433 Adult Socialization (3 cr.)**

**S435 Social Psychology of the Self (3 cr.)**

**S438 Childhood Socialization (3 cr.)**

**S441 Topics in Social Theory (3 cr.)**

**S450 Topics in Methods and Measurement (3 cr.)**

## 500-Level

**S500 Pro-Seminar in Sociology (1 cr.)** Introduction to current sociological research interests and concerns through the work of departmental members. May be repeated for credit. S/F grading.

**S501 Sociology as a Vocation (1 cr.)** Students consider the contributions of sociology as a discipline and examine career paths of sociologists both within and outside of academia. The 1 credit course is required of all first-year graduate students. S/F grading.

**S502 Launching Your Academic Career (1 cr.)** In this course, students are introduced to basic issues that are essential for their professional development. Course time is divided between in-class discussions and exercises both in and outside of class. This one-credit course is required of all second-year students and is taken on a pass/fail basis.

**S506 Teaching of Undergraduate Sociology (3 cr.)** Required of all associate instructors. S/F grading.

**S510 Introduction to Social Organization (3 cr.)** R: one course in sociology. Concepts, perspectives, and theories relevant to the analysis of all social organizations or social systems. Emphasizes both dynamic processes and structural forms, including social roles and interaction, patterns of social ordering, effects of culture, and social systems analysis. Examines both classic and contemporary literature.

**S521 Sexual Diversity (3-9 cr.)** A sociological examination of the major social-psychological and behavioral aspects of human sexual diversity.

**S522 Constructing Sexuality (3 cr.)**

**S530 Introduction to Social Psychology (3 cr.)** R: one course in sociology. Examines the broad range of work in social psychology. Emphasis is placed on the relation between the classic and contemporary literature in the field.

**S540 Sociological Theory (3 cr.)** A rigorous examination of a representative set of theoretical products, with the objective of understanding the basic structure and meaning of each and simultaneously learning about the creation of theory.

**S554 Statistical Techniques in Sociology I (3 cr.)** P: S371 or consent of instructor. Statistical analysis of single and multiple equation models with continuous dependent variables. May include techniques such as bivariate and multivariate regression, recursive and nonrecursive structural equation models.

**S558 Advanced Research Techniques (3 cr.)** The logic of analysis, including development of research questions, relationships between theory and evidence, research design, sampling, data collection strategies, reliability and validity, measurement, analysis, and drawing conclusions. Also includes an overview of data collection techniques such as surveys, interviews, field methods, and the use of archival and secondary data.

**S560 Topics in Sociology (3 cr.)** Selected topics in social organization and social psychology, including but not limited to the sociologies of work, sex roles, education, mental illness, science, sociolinguistics, socialization, deviance, sexual patterns and variations, and small group processes.

**S566-S567 Sociological Research Practicum I-II (1-3 cr.)\*\*** Participation in all aspects of a sociological research project, including conceptualization and design, data collection, analysis, and report writing. Both may be repeated for credit.

**S569 M.A. Thesis (3 cr.)\*\***

\*\*These courses are eligible for a deferred grade.

## 600-Level

**S606 Sociological Issues in College Pedagogy (3 cr.)** Introduction to topics such as learning theory, learning and teaching styles, and cognitive development. Focuses on assessment and practice of teaching, challenges to higher education, ethics, and professional responsibility.

**S610 Urban Sociology (3 cr.)** Historical and contemporary causes, trends, and patterns of urbanization throughout the world. Various approaches to studying the process of urbanization, including ecological, social organizational, and political perspectives. Current developments and problems in urban planning.

**S612 Political Sociology (3 cr.)** Possible topics include experimental studies of power relationships, political socialization, political attitudes, political participation, voting behavior, decision-making processes, theories of social power, organizational power systems and structures, the state as a social institution, and political movements.

**S613 Complex Organizations (3 cr.)** Theory and research in formal organizations: industry, school, church, hospital, government, military, and university. Problems of bureaucracy and decision making in large-scale organizations. For students in the social sciences and professional schools interested in the comparative approach to problems of organization and their management.

**S615 Problems in Demography and Ecology (3 cr.)** Sociological aspects of theories relating human beings and ecological environment. Selected topics, ranging from fertility and population change to community planning and urbanism in underdeveloped areas as well as Western cultures.

**S616 Sociology of Family Systems (3 cr.)** Focus on the nature, structure, functions, and changes of family systems in modern and emerging societies, in comparative and historical perspective. Attention is given to relationships with other societal subsystems, and to interaction between role occupants within and between subsystems.

**S617 Social Stratification (3 cr.)** Nature of social stratification; comparison of caste, estate-class, and open-class systems; theories of stratification; characteristics of local and national stratification systems; comparative analysis of stratification systems in various parts of the world; social circulation; changes in stratification structure.

**S618 Sociology of Religion and Ideology (3 cr.)** The nature of beliefs and value systems and their institutional arrangements, with specific attention to the interrelationship of these systems to the larger social structure, in cross-cultural and historical perspective.

**S620 Deviance and Social Control (3 cr.)** Current theories of genesis, distribution, and control of deviant behavior. Theories about specific forms of deviant behavior, e.g., crime, suicide, and alcoholism, examined from standpoint of their implications for a comprehensive, general theory of deviant behavior.

**S621 Theory and Research in Human Sexuality (3 cr.)** A critical examination of sociological theory and research in the area of human sexuality. Historical and contemporary work will be considered.

**S631 Intergroup Relations (3 cr.)** Topics include nature of prejudice, theories of prejudice, psychology of attitudes related to intergroup relations, critique and evaluation of current research of majority-minority relations, and formulation of research designs.

**S632 Socialization (3 cr.)** The processes of development of the individual as a social being and societal member, focusing on childhood or socialization into adult roles.

**S633 Social Interaction: Interpersonal Relations (3 cr.)** Focuses on social interaction processes. Topics include interpersonal perception, verbal and nonverbal communication, the presentation of self, ecological determinants of interaction, the structure of interactions, social exchange, and stable interaction systems (relationships).

**S640 Advanced Topics in Sociological Theory (3 cr.)** Historical development of sociological theory in Europe and the United States during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with emphasis on contrasting schools of theoretical thought.

**S647 Social Change (3 cr.)** Contemporary theories of social change, analysis of modernization processes such as industrialization and urbanization, examination of current social movements, and models of future societies.

**S649 Theory Construction (3 cr.)** Analysis of the types and structures of formal theory in sociology. Examination of the specific practices of theory construction.

**S650 Statistical Techniques in Sociology II (3 cr.)** P: S554 or consent of instructor. Statistical analysis of models with noncontinuous dependent variables. May include techniques such as logit and probit analysis, log-linear models, censoring, and sample selection models.

**S651 Topics in Quantitative Sociology (3 cr.)** P: S554, S650. Statistical analysis in social research; selected topics.

**S652 Topics in Qualitative Methods (3 cr.)** Selected topics in qualitative data collection and analysis. Various topics that could be covered in a given semester include audiovisual recording in natural settings, comparative/cross-cultural methods, content analysis, ethnographic methods, historical sociology, and intensive interviews and case studies.

**S655 Experimental Methods in Sociology (3 cr.)** Analysis of laboratory experiments; problems in experimentation; practice in conducting experiments.

**S656 Mathematical Applications in Sociology (3 cr.)** P: S650. Mathematical description of social systems and processes; computer simulation; mathematics and sociological theory.

**S657 Community Power, Politics, and Decision Making (3 cr.)** Cross-disciplinary perspectives on community influence structures, governmental forms, and the local and national processes generating community public policies. Research strategies appropriate to the study of these issues.

**S658 Selected Problems in Cross-Cultural Sociological Research (3 cr.)** Problems of research in different cultural settings. Adaptation of standard sociological techniques, development of research designs, administration of research in situations of limited resources.

**S659 Qualitative Methods in Sociology (3 cr.)** P: S558 or permission of instructor. Methods of obtaining, evaluating, and analyzing qualitative data in social research. Methods covered include field research procedures, participant observation, interviewing, and audio-video recording of social behavior in natural settings.

**S660 Advanced Topics (2-6 cr.)** Topics announced when course is to be offered.

## **700-Level**

All 700-level courses are research seminars. Topics vary each term.

**S700 Topical Seminar (3-12 cr.)**

**S706 Sociological Research in Higher Education (3 cr.)**

**S710 Social Organization I (3-6 cr.)**  
**S711 Social Organization II (1-6 cr.)**  
**S720 Deviance and Control I (3-6 cr.)**  
**S721 Deviance and Control II (3-6 cr.)**  
**S730 Social Psychology I (3-6 cr.)**  
**S731 Social Psychology II (3-6 cr.)**  
**S740 Sociological Theory I (3-6 cr.)**  
**S741 Sociological Theory II (3-6 cr.)**  
**S750 Sociological Methods I (3-6 cr.)**  
**S751 Sociological Methods II (3-6 cr.)**  
**S864 Readings in Sociology (cr. arr.)** Individual assignments.  
**S866 Research in Sociology (cr. arr.)**  
**S869 Ph.D. Thesis (cr. arr.)\*\***

\*\*These courses are eligible for a deferred grade.

## **Graduate**

**G591 Methods of Population Analysis and Their Applications (3 cr.)** A course in statistics. Techniques of measuring and analyzing population size and trends, fertility and mortality patterns, migration flows. Population estimates and projections. Major models of formal demography.

**G901 Advanced Graduate Research (6 cr.)\*\***

\*\*These courses are eligible for a deferred grade.

<sup>1</sup> May be repeated three times for credit.