SOCIOLOGY
What can I do with this degree?

HUMAN SERVICES
Counseling, Case Management, Advocacy, Mental Health Services, Programming Administration

CRIMINOLOGY
Corrections, Rehabilitation
Law Enforcement, Judiciary

EDUCATION
Teaching
Research

GOVERNMENT
Social Statistics
Demography
Public Administration
Policy Analysis
Research
Program Development
Human Services
City Planning
Law Enforcement

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH
Research
Data Analysis
Demography
Market Research
Information Sourcing
Program Evaluation

SOCIOLOGY
College of Natural and Behavioral Sciences
Department of Sociology

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Additional Opportunities
- Hands on Experience in Community Settings
- Service Learning Courses
- Sociology Club
- Alpha Kappa Delta Int'l Honor Society (AKD)

For more information, please contact the Department Office: SBS B334; 310-243-3431

“When I dare to be powerful - to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid”

~ Audre Lorde
The Department offers an established graduate program leading to the Master of Arts in Sociology. The program is designed to provide all students with a strong foundation in sociological theory and research methodology. The graduate program is designed to allow for a substantial degree of student choice. Students may choose a macro- or micro-based program of study and select from several areas for further specialization or experience. These areas include, but are not restricted to, such concentrations as social research and computer applications; sociology of education; community and clinical sociology; law and society; criminology and deviance; and general sociology. Students are expected to select a major advisor who can best facilitate their specific interests in the program. Finally, students may choose one of the following options to complete their program of graduate study: comprehensive exam, thematic project or thesis. Students with an interest in teaching and administrative applications of the degree are encouraged to complete via examination. Those with research interests or who may wish to pursue advanced graduate study toward a doctoral degree are encouraged to opt for the thesis or thematic project options.

The Department of Sociology has an established record of success in graduate education. Many of the department’s graduates have found careers in research, teaching and a wide range of other fields. Special emphasis is placed on practical and policy-relevant research participation by graduate students in the Urban Community Research Center. Students are encouraged to take an active role in the department, the discipline and the wider community. Students may apprentice in one or more of the many advanced forms of social scientific research, including evaluation research, social impact analyses, ethnographic field research, etc. Students who wish to pursue advanced study beyond the M.A. degree may elect to take additional work necessary to acquire the Graduate Certificate in Social Research.

Requirements for Classified Standing
To become classified in the Sociology Graduate Program, a student must demonstrate a background in social science theory and methods. This usually entails a theory and a methods course taken at the undergraduate level. Students in need of this exposure will be required to take appropriate undergraduate theory and/or methods course(s) in order to be classified. Students eligible for classification should contact the graduate coordinator.

Requirement for Advancement to Candidacy
Candidacy status denotes the successful completion of a major portion of the graduate academic program.

To be advanced to candidacy students must have completed the following:

1. Meet graduate writing assessment requirement;
2. The following core courses with a minimum grade of “B” in each course:
   SOC 505/506L  Sem. in Soc. Research (4)
   SOC 511  Sem in Soc. Org. (3) or
   SOC 550  Sem in Inter. Processes (3)
   SOC 555  Sem. In Soc. Theory (3);
3. Completion of two additional graduate seminars in sociology with a minimum grade point average of 3.0;
4. Approval of the student’s eligibility for the comprehensive exam by the graduate coordinator; or
5. Approval of a thesis or thematic project proposal by a committee consisting of at least two members of the full-time faculty of the sociology department. Proposals are submitted in writing and the title is registered with the department.

Degree Requirements

General Sociology Option (30 units)

1. Required Core Courses (10 units)
   SOC 505/506L  Sem. in Soc. Research (4)
   SOC 511  Sem. In Soc. Organization (3) or
   SOC 550  Sem. In Interaction Processes (3)
   SOC 555  Sem. In Soc. Theory (3)
2. Classified students are required to take SOC 505, Seminar in Sociological Research, and SOC 555, Seminar in Sociological Theory, during their first year in the program.
3. 20 additional units from sociology course offerings (a minimum of nine units may be taken from 300 or 400 level courses and only with the consent of the graduate coordinator).
4. Completion of the comprehensive exam, thesis or thematic project.
   Must have 3.75 GPA to complete thesis/project
5. Of the 20 units taken under “3”, at least three should be graduate seminars, those students selecting the thesis or the project may include five units of SOC 599. Those students selecting the comprehensive examination option must include two units of SOC 599.
6. An overall grade point average of 3.0 or better with no grade lower than a “B” in the core courses.

Research Skills Option (30 units)

1. Prerequisites
   The following courses are prerequisites and must be completed before classified standing in the program will be granted.
   SOC 304. Computer Applications
   SOC 402. Multivariate Analysis in Soc. (4)
   SOC 307. Micro Computer Data Base
   Applications in Social Science (3)

   NOTE: This option will also satisfy requirements for the Graduate Research Certificate.

2. Core Courses (10 units)
   SOC 505/506L  Sem. in Soc. Research (4)
   SOC 511.  Sem. In Soc. Organizations (3) or
   SOC 550.  Sem. In Interactions Processes (3)
   SOC 555.  Sem. in Soc. Theory (3)

3. Required Courses (20 units)
   SOC 503.  Sem. in Ethnographic Analysis in Soc. (3)
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   SOC 502.  Graduate Workshop in Research and Theory (4) or
   SOC 302.  Workshop in Soc. Research (4)

   NOTE: A total of 16 units of SOC 502 and SOC 302 must be taken and at least 12 units must be in SOC 502.

4. Serve as project director (or co-director) of a selected Center for Policy Research and Evaluation sponsored project for the minimum of one term and the submission of an approved written report of the project.
5. A grade point average of 3.0 or better in graduate study.

Master’s Requirement
In addition to the major requirements, students must meet all university requirements for the master’s degree. Students should consult the section of the catalog entitled “Graduate Degrees and Post baccalaureate Studies.”