SOCIOLOGY, M.A.

The M.A. in Sociology offers a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 33 credit hours, including 6 credits of thesis. The non-thesis option requires 33 credit hours, including a 6 credit internship.

The program prepares students for further study, for research and administrative positions in public or private organizations, and for teaching sociology in a variety of settings. All of the students in the program acquire a general foundation in sociology, and some elect to complete a concentration in criminology. Other special interests may be pursued in particular substantive, applied, or cognate courses and extended in the writing of a thesis or completion of an internship.

For information regarding deadlines and requirements for admission, please see the Guide to Graduate Admissions.

Degree Program Requirements

Required: 33 credit hours

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Area Courses (9 credits)

Select 9 credits from the following courses:

- SOC 571 Advanced Topics in Social Psychology
- SOC 636
- SOC 640 Cultural Sociology
- SOC 644

Electives (6 credits)

Select 6 credits from other 500- or 600-level Sociology or Social Science courses in other departments.*

Capstone Experience (6 credits)

Select one option from the following:

- Thesis Option
  - SOC 699 Thesis
- Non-Thesis Option
  - SOC 695 Internship

Total Credit Hours 33

* With prior approval of the advisor.

Comprehensive Examination

Successful completion of a thesis proposal or internship proposal defense satisfies the comprehensive examination requirement.