

SOCIOLOGY, M.A.

The MA in Sociology offers a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 33 semester hours, including 6 hours of thesis. The non-thesis option requires 33 semester hours, including a 6-hour 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

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core Courses		12
SOC 614	Contemporary Sociological Theory	
SOC 616	Advanced Research Methods	
SOC 618	Advanced Data Analysis	
Select one of the following:		
SOC 593	Thesis Proposal Seminar (Thesis Option)	
SOC 599	Internship in Sociology (Non-Thesis Option)	
Area Courses		9
Select 9 credits from the following courses:		
SOC 571	Advanced Topics in Social Psychology	
SOC 636	Seminar in Social Inequalities: Theory and Research	
SOC 640	Cultural Sociology	
SOC 644	Sociology of Globalization	
Electives		6
Select 6 credits from other 500- or 600-level Sociology or Social Science courses in other departments *		
Capstone Experience		6
Select one option from the following:		
<i>Thesis Option</i>		
SOC 699	Thesis	
<i>Non-Thesis Option</i>		
SOC 695	Internship	

* With prior approval of the advisor.

Criminology Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Core Courses		21
SOC 601	Seminar in Sociological or Criminological Analysis	
SOC 614	Contemporary Sociological Theory	
SOC 616	Advanced Research Methods	
SOC 618	Advanced Data Analysis	

SOC 651	Criminology	
SOC 653	Social Control	
Select one of the following:		
SOC 593	Thesis Proposal Seminar (Thesis Option)	
SOC 599	Internship in Sociology (Non-Thesis Option)	
Electives		6
Select 6 credits from other 500- or 600-level Sociology courses or Social Science courses in other departments *		
Capstone Experience		6
Select one option from the following:		
<i>Thesis Option</i>		
SOC 699	Thesis	
<i>Non-Thesis Option</i>		
SOC 695	Internship	

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Comprehensive Examination

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