Sociology

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Major: Sociology
Degrees Offered: M.A., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/african-amer-studies/
#concentrationconcentrationtext) (available to all degrees)

Medical Scholars Program: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology
and Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) through the Medical Scholars Program
(https://www.med.illinois.edu/mdphd)

Graduate Degree Programs
The Department of Sociology offers graduate programs leading to the
Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Admission
The Graduate College admission requirements apply. Students applying
for admission should have a background in one of the social sciences,
preferably sociology. Applicants must submit Graduate Record
Examination (GRE) scores on the tests of verbal ability, quantitative
ability, and analytical ability. The advanced test in sociology is optional. A
writing sample is required. Non-native English speakers must also submit
Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and the
Test of Spoken English (TSE) scores. The department does not accept
applications to the M.A. program.

Medical Scholars Program
Applications are not being accepted at this time.

The Medical Scholars Program permits highly qualified students to
integrate the study of medicine with study for a graduate degree in
a second discipline, including Sociology. Students may apply to the
Medical Scholars Program prior to beginning graduate school or while
in the graduate program. Applicants to the Medical Scholars Program
must meet the admissions standards for and be accepted into both
the doctoral graduate program and the College of Medicine. Students
in the dual degree program must meet the specific requirements for
both the medical and graduate degrees. On average, students take eight
years to complete both degrees. Further information on this program
is available by contacting the Medical Scholars Program, 125 Medical
Sciences Building, (217) 333-8146 or at www.med.illinois.edu/msp
(http://www.med.illinois.edu/msp).

Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement,
experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate
experience in this program.

Financial Aid
Financial support is provided for most graduate students through
teaching assistantships, research assistantships, tuition and fee waivers,
fellowships, and other University and external financial support.

Master of Arts in Sociology
The master's degree is granted as an intermediate step on the way to the
Ph.D. Students should ordinarily complete the requirements during their
second year of residence.

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Total Hours 40

Other Requirements
Other requirements may overlap
At least two semesters in residence
and 5 UIUC courses minimum are required.
A Master's paper is required.
Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 32
Minimum 500-level Hours Required 28
Overall:
Minimum GPA: 3.25

For additional details and requirements refer to the department's graduate handbook (http://www.sociology.illinois.edu/grad/current) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
The graduate program is small and cohesive with a high faculty-student
ratio. All students are required to take a small core of required courses
in theory and methods. Each term that students are in residence, they
participate in at least one of a series of professional development
workshops. Doctoral candidates must pass specialty examinations and
write and defend a dissertation proposal and final dissertation.

Entering with approved B.S./B.A. Degree

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An additional 5 substantive courses at the 500 level 12

Electives to bring coursework total to 72 32-36

SOC 599 Thesis Research (min/max applied toward degree) 3-24

**Total Hours** 96

### Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

Students must earn a B or better in every required course.

- Minimum Hours Required Within the Unit: 43
- Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 43
- Qualifying Exam Required: Yes
- Preliminary Exam Required: Yes
- Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required: Yes
- Dissertation Deposit Required: Yes
- Minimum GPA: 3.25

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