Sociology

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Major: Sociology
Degrees Offered: M.A., Ph.D.
Graduate Concentration: African American Studies (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/msp)

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
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.

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.

SOC 510 Professionalization Seminar (2 semesters) 4
SOC 500 Classical Sociological Theory 4
or SOC 501 Contemp Sociological Theory
SOC 485 Intermediate Social Statistics (or equivalent) 4
Select one of the following:
SOC 571 Demography and Human Ecology
SOC 581 Survey Research Methods I
SOC 583 Qualitative Research Methods
SOC 587 Adv Social Statistics II
SOC 590 Individual Topics in Sociology
Six additional courses at 400 or 500 level (at least 4 in SOC and 4 at the 500 level) 24
Total Hours 40

Other Requirements ¹
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 Overall: 28
Minimum GPA: 3.25
¹ 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
SOC 510 Professionalization Seminar (2 semesters) 4
SOC 500 Classical Sociological Theory 8
& SOC 501 Contemp Sociological Theory
SOC 485 Intermediate Social Statistics (or equivalent) 0-4
SOC 583 Qualitative Research Methods 4
SOC 586 Adv Social Statistics I 4

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Select one of the following:

SOC 571  Demography and Human Ecology  4
SOC 581  Survey Research Methods I  8
SOC 583  Qualitative Research Methods  4
SOC 587  Adv Social Statistics II  4
SOC 590  Individual Topics in Sociology  4

An additional 5 substantive courses at the 500 level, from at least 2 different areas of departmental specialty  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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Entering with approved M.S./M.A. Degree

SOC 510  Professionalization Seminar (2 semesters)  4
SOC 500  Classical Sociological Theory  8
& SOC 501  and Contemp Sociological Theory  8
SOC 485  Intermediate Social Statistics (or equivalent)  0-4
SOC 583  Qualitative Research Methods  4
SOC 586  Adv Social Statistics I  4

Select one of the following:  4

SOC 571  Demography and Human Ecology  4
SOC 581  Survey Research Methods I  8
SOC 583  Qualitative Research Methods  4
SOC 587  Adv Social Statistics II  4
SOC 590  Individual Topics in Sociology  4

An additional 5 substantive courses at the 500 level, from at least 2 different areas of departmental specialty  12

Electives to bring coursework total to 48  8-12

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

Total Hours  64

Other Requirements

Other requirements may overlap

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