

# SOCIOLOGY, MA

*for the degree of 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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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/>).

Code	Title	Hours
SOC 510	Professionalization Seminar (2 semesters)	4
SOC 500 or SOC 501	Classical Sociological Theory Contemp Sociological Theory	4
SOC 485	Intermediate Social Statistics (or equivalent)	4
Select one of the following:		4
SOC 581	Survey Research Methods	
SOC 583	Qualitative Research Methods	
SOC 587		
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
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>40</b>

## Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
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 32 Unit:	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	28
Overall:	
Minimum GPA:	3.25

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1. Summarize and explain major theories and theoretical debates in the discipline of sociology
2. Design and complete data collection and analysis for an original piece of research
3. Demonstrate competence with qualitative and quantitative methods and research design
4. Develop professional writing and communicating skills
5. Develop and apply effective and appropriate pedagogical skills

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## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

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## Admissions

Graduate College Admissions & Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)