**SOCILOGY, MA**

_for the degree of Master of Science in Sociology_

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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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**Graduate Degree Programs in Sociology**

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  concentration: African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/)  
- Sociology, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/sociology-phd/)  
  concentration: African American Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/concentration/african-american-studies/)

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.