Sociology, PhD

for the degree of 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.

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

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<td>SOC 510</td>
<td>Professionalization Seminar (2 semesters)</td>
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<td>Classical Sociological Theory and Contemp Sociological Theory</td>
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<td>SOC 485</td>
<td>Intermediate Social Statistics (or equivalent)</td>
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Select one of the following: 4

- SOC 581 Survey Research Methods
- SOC 583 Qualitative Research Methods
- SOC 587 Adv Social Statistics II
- SOC 590 Individual Topics in Sociology

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

Requirement | Description
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Other requirements may overlap
Students must earn a B or better in every required course.
Minimum Hours Required Within the 43 Unit:
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall: 43
Qualifying Exam Required | Yes
Preliminary Exam Required | Yes
Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required
Dissertation Deposit Required | Yes
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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