Graduate Programs
The Department of Sociology offers the Master of Science degree
with thesis or non-thesis (terminal degree) options, and the Doctor of
Philosophy degree. Programs are designed to prepare students for
appointments to the faculties of colleges and universities, to work in
private industry and social service agencies, and research positions
in business and government. The department offers concentrations in
environmental sociology, social inequality, social movements, criminology
and deviance, and social psychology. The Department provides excellent
training and research opportunities for students in quantitative as well as
qualitative methods of social science research, further enhancing their
opportunities in a wide array of career fields.

Degree Requirements
The MS in sociology thesis option requires a minimum of 31 hours of
coursework. The MS in sociology non-thesis option requires 32 hours of
coursework. For students pursuing the PhD, a minimum of 90 semester
credit hours beyond the baccalaureate, or 60 hours beyond the master’s
degree, is required. Each PhD student is required to take six hours of
sociological theory, and 15 hours of research methods/statistics. Detailed
information on each program is available on the Departmental website.