

SOCIOLOGY

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 faculty of colleges and universities, to work in private industry and social service agencies, and to be employed in research positions in business and/or government. The Department offers concentrations in Criminology and Deviance, Environmental Sociology, Social Inequality, Social Movements, and Social Psychology. Excellent training and research opportunities are provided for students in quantitative and qualitative social science research methods and theory, further enhancing 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.