

Sociology, PhD

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
72 s.h. must be graduate level coursework. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b}		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
SOC:5110	History of Sociological Theory ^c	3
SOC:6170	Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis ^c	3
SOC:7270	Scholarly Professionalism and Integrity I	2
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		11
Spring		
SOC:5160	Research Design and Methods ^c	3
SOC:6180	Linear Models in Sociological Research ^c	3
SOC:7271	Scholarly Professionalism and Integrity II	2
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		11
Second Year		
Fall		
Advanced Theory course ^{c, e}		3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		9
Spring		
SOC:7030	Readings and Research Tutorial	3
Elective course ^d		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		9
Third Year		
Fall		
SOC:7175 or SOC:6175 or SOC:7170	Social Science Research: Big Data ^f or Qualitative Methods or Advanced Statistical Modeling of Data	3
SOC:7030	Readings and Research Tutorial	6
Hours		9

Spring

SOC:7170 or SOC:6175 or SOC:7175	Advanced Statistical Modeling of Data ^f or Qualitative Methods or Social Science Research: Big Data	3
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SOC:7030	Readings and Research Tutorial	6
Hours		9

Fourth Year

Any Semester

Exam: Doctoral Comprehensive Exam ^g		0
Hours		0

Fall

Prospectus Defense		
SOC:7090	PhD Dissertation	7
Hours		7

Spring

SOC:7090	PhD Dissertation	7
Exam: Doctoral Final Exam ^h		7
Hours		7

Total Hours		72
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a The graduate program provides rigorous training in theory and methods as well as in these substantive areas: Crime, Law, and Social Control; Gender and Family; Social and Political Organizations; Social Psychology. Students will work with a faculty advisor to determine an area of concentration according to the individual student's interests.

b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

c Grade of B-minus or higher is required.

d Complete 18 s.h. of electives; see the General Catalog for list of approved courses. Work with faculty advisor to determine appropriate graduate level coursework and sequence.

e Take one advanced theory course such as SOC:6210. Selected course must be approved by director of graduate studies.

f Students must complete two of these courses with grades of B-minus or higher. Another course may be substituted with approval from the director of graduate studies.

g Consists of five questions prepared by the student's exam committee. Students should pass the comprehensive examination before the the start of their fourth year in the program.

h Dissertation defense.