

Sociology, PhD

Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in sociology requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit.

The PhD in sociology requires the following coursework.

Required Courses

All PhD students must complete the following courses with grades of B-minus or higher.

Course #	Title	Hours
SOC:5110	History of Sociological Theory	3
SOC:5160	Research Design and Methods	3
SOC:6170	Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis (required for the MA)	3
SOC:6180	Linear Models in Sociological Research (required for the MA)	3

One advanced theory course such as SOC:6210

Professional Seminars

Course #	Title	Hours
Both of these:		
SOC:7270	Scholarly Professionalism and Integrity I	2
SOC:7271	Scholarly Professionalism and Integrity II	2

Research Methods and Statistics Courses

Students must complete two of the following courses with grades of B-minus or higher. They may substitute another course for those listed with approval from the director of graduate studies.

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
SOC:6175	Qualitative Methods	3
SOC:7170	Advanced Statistical Modeling of Data	3
SOC:7175	Social Science Research: Big Data	3

Elective Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
18 s.h. from these:		
SOC:5130	Sociology of Education	3
SOC:5250	Graduate Writing	3
SOC:5310	Gender Theory	3
SOC:5510	Sociology of Health	3
SOC:5680	Sociology of Higher Education	3
SOC:5810	Education and Social Change	2-3

SOC:6140	Seminar: Selected Topics in Sociological Theory	3
SOC:6175	Qualitative Methods	3
SOC:6210	Contemporary Approaches to Social Psychology	3
SOC:6220	Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Psychology	3
SOC:6310	Gender Stratification Seminar	3
SOC:6425	Criminological Theory II	3
SOC:6435	Feminist Perspectives on Crime and Punishment	3
SOC:6440	Crime and Health in the Life Course	3
SOC:6450	Comparative Criminology	3
SOC:6460	Criminal Punishment	3
SOC:6490	Immigration and Crime	3
SOC:6550	Environment and Society	3
SOC:6610	Complex Organizations	3
SOC:6740	Racial Inequality	3
SOC:6750	Race and Crime	3
SOC:6810	Social Stratification	3
SOC:7010	Teaching Sociology	2-3
SOC:7170	Advanced Statistical Modeling of Data	3
SOC:7175	Social Science Research: Big Data	3
SOC:7400	Seminar: Selected Topics in Criminological Research	3
SOC:7410	Communities and Crime	3
SOC:7420	Gender and Violence	3
SOC:7440	Social Psychology of Violence	3
SOC:7500	Seminar: Topics in Political Sociology	3
SOC:7620	Social Networks: Theory and Sociological Applications	3
SOC:7820	Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Stratification	3

Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination consists of five questions prepared by the student's exam committee; each answer should contain no more than 2,500 words. The student should demonstrate mastery of relevant research methods as well as the major, minor, or related fields of study for a given area. Students should pass the comprehensive examination before the start of their fourth year in the program.

Dissertation

All PhD candidates prepare a detailed prospectus of research for the dissertation within one year of the comprehensive examination. The prospectus is written in consultation with the student's dissertation committee members and should allow the committee to evaluate the feasibility of the dissertation research and make suggestions to improve it.

Students must pass an oral examination by their dissertation defense committee. The oral dissertation defense should be completed no later than five years after passing the comprehensive examination.

As students work on the dissertation they will typically be registered for SOC:7030 Readings and Research Tutorial or SOC:7090 PhD Dissertation.

For a detailed statement of graduate study rules, visit the Department of Sociology and Criminology website. Prospective doctoral students should examine this information carefully.

Teaching Assistantship Training

All new graduate teaching assistants (TAs) are expected to attend a three-day orientation before classes begin. In addition, SOC:7010 Teaching Sociology is required for students who wish to teach their own courses.