

# Sociology, M.A.

Graduate study in sociology focuses on the Doctor of Philosophy. Students are awarded the M.A. as they fulfill requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

## Learning Outcomes

The graduate program in the Department of Sociology and Criminology develops professionals who are qualified to conduct original research in the field of sociology and serve the discipline and larger community through teaching and/or other applications of sociological and criminological knowledge.

## Goals and Outcomes

To develop the expertise to conduct original research in sociology and criminology that is publishable in scholarly outlets.

- Develop a professional skillset in research methodology commonly used in the social sciences, particularly sociology and criminology.
- Develop a professional skillset in social science theories pertaining to sociology and criminology.
- Develop professional expertise in substantive sociological and criminological research areas, which at minimum includes graduate-level competence in both a major and minor area of research.
- Develop scholarly writing and communication skills.

To serve the discipline and broader community as sociologists and criminologists.

- To be prepared to teach the field of sociology and/or criminology.
- To understand the goals, practices, and standards of research and applied professionals associated with the discipline of sociology and/or criminology. This includes developing a firm grasp of the principles of ethical research,