

# Sociology, PhD

## Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy program in sociology requires a minimum of 72 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must maintain a program grade-point average of at least 3.25.

## 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

Two elective courses in methods/statistics numbered 5000 or above

One advanced theory course such as SOC:6110

## Professional Seminars

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

## 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.