

SOCIOLOGY

PURPOSE

The purposes of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice are to:

1. Instruct students in the theory, methods and application of sociological principles to real world problems.
2. Train students for careers in public and private agencies and further graduate studies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for regular admission to the Master of Science Degree program in Applied Sociology, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in Sociology, Social Work, Criminal Justice or a related social science, and satisfactory completion of courses in elementary social statistics and social research methods.
2. Completed application for admission and payment of application fee on file in Graduate Admissions office.
3. Minimum score of 1000 (Verbal and Quantitative combined) on the General Test portion of the Graduate Record Examination.
4. Must have a 3.0 undergraduate cumulative grade point average for regular admission.
5. Written approval of the Coordinator of the Applied Sociology Graduate Program.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION INTO MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Students failing to meet any of the above criteria may be admitted conditionally if they meet the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in Sociology, Social Work, Criminal Justice or a related social science and satisfactory completion of courses in elementary social statistics and social research methods.
2. Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 (4.0 scale) for all undergraduate work attempted or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on all upper division undergraduate course work attempted.
3. Minimum score of 850 (Verbal and Quantitative combined) on the General Test portion of the Graduate Record Examination.
4. Written approval from the Coordinator of the Applied Sociology Graduate Program.

With conditional status students will be allowed to count no more than 12 hours of course work toward the degree.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE

SOC 601 Complex Organizations	3 hours
SOC 602 Social Stratification and Structured Inequity	3 hours
SOC 603 Applied Social Theory	3 hours
SOC 604 Applied Research Design and Methodology	3 hours
SOC 605 Advanced Statistics for Applied Sociology	3 hours
SOC 606 Evaluation and Assessment in Agencies	3 hours
Concentration Electives*	12 hours
SOC 701 Field Internship or SOC 702 Thesis Research and Thesis	6 hours
Total	36 hours

*Electives must be selected from one area of concentration.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SOC 512 Criminology
SOC 540 Juvenile Delinquency
CJ 504 Seminar in Organized Crime, Drugs, and Vice
CJ 505 Criminal Justice and the U.S. Constitution
CJ 525 International Criminality, National Security, and Terrorism

CULTURAL AND REGIONAL DIVERSITY

SOC 501 Population
SOC 511 Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC 565 Social Change and Globalization
GEOG 502 Geography of Anglo-America
GEOG 531 World Regional Geography I
GEOG 532 World Regional Geography II

PUBLIC POLICY

SOC 607 Social Policy I
SOC 608 Social Policy II
POLI 542 Polling and Public Opinion
POLI 546 Politics and the Environment
POLI 560 Public Administration
POLI 562 Special Topics in Public Administration and Public Policy

GENERAL CONCENTRATION

Student will select 12 hours of electives in consultation with their faculty advisor. Six hours must be in Sociology.

The following may be used in any concentration when appropriate:

SOC 500 Independent Study
SOC 595 Special Topics Seminar
SOC 690 Independent Study in Applied Sociology
SOC 698 Special Topics in Applied Sociology