

Sociology, MA

Master of Arts in Sociology Degree Program Requirements

A total of 30 semester hours of graduate coursework must be completed in graduate status. For those opting to do a thesis, the requirements include 24 hours of course work and 6 hours devoted to the M.A. thesis. Upon the decision to undertake a thesis, the student will form a committee consisting of two sociology faculty, one of whom will serve as the principal advisor, and one additional faculty member from the Division of Social Sciences. The topic of the thesis will be determined by the student and the advisor. The format will follow American Sociological Association thesis guidelines in conjunction with established criteria by the Sociology Program. The thesis must be orally defended and approved by all members of the faculty thesis committee before the degree is conferred. The student must register for the thesis each semester until satisfactorily completed. No graduate credit will be given for undergraduate courses.

For students selecting the thesis option, 24 hours of course work must be completed and 6 hours of supervised thesis hours. Of the 24 hours of course work, 9 hours are core requirements and the remaining 15 are sociology support/elective requirements.

For students selecting the non-thesis option, 30 hours of course work must be completed: 9 hours of core courses, 15 hours of support area requirements, and 6 hours of related field electives, which may be any combination of sociology graduate courses or graduate-level courses outside of sociology.

Admission to candidacy will be granted upon completion of 12 semester hours of graduate work in sociology with an average grade of B or better. These hours must be completed in residence. The student must complete the Application for Admission to Candidacy form, through the Division of Social Sciences to the Dean of the Graduate School for approval.

Degree Program Requirements

Non-Thesis Concentration

Major Requirements		9
SOCG 5321	Classical Sociological Theory ¹	
SOCG 5322	Research Methods	
SOCG 5382	Graduate Capstone	

Related Field Electives		6
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Students may take two additional SOCG courses (6 hours) or up to two courses (6 hours) from the following:

ADMN 5300	Fundamentals of School Administration
ADMN 5301	Educational Administration: Theory, Practice and Research
ADMN 5313	School-Community Relations
CODE 5301	Introduction to Community Development
CNSL 5300	Organization and Administration of School Counseling Programs
CNSL 5302	Theory and Practice of Counseling
CNSL 5303	Counseling Process
CNSL 5304	School Consultation
CNSL 5305	Orientation to Counseling and Development
CNSL 5308	Psychology of Abnormal Behavior
CNSL 5311	Career Development Counseling
CNSL 5314	Human Growth and Development
CNSL 5315	School Counseling in a Multicultural Society
EDFN 5311	Psychology of Learning and Development
EDFN 5312	Socio-Cultural Issues in Education
HLTH 5306	Human Behavior and Health Education
HLTH 5307	Epidemiology and Diseases
HLTH 5314	Medical Foundations for Health Professions
HLTH 5317	Nutrition and the Environment
HLTH 5318	Contemporary Health
HLTH 5319	Community Health
HUSC 5334	Research Problems
HUSC 5355	Human Development
HUSC 5368	Family Ethics and Issues

JJUS 5311	Foundations of Criminal Justice	
JJUS 5312	Foundations of Juvenile Justice	
JJUS 5324	Community Building and Organizing	
JJUS 5325	Domestic and Family Violence	
JJUS 5343	Correctional Programming	
JJUS 5352	Management of Juvenile Justice Organizations	
JJUS 5376	Theories of Delinquency	
JJUS 5378	Ethics	
JJUS 5391	Special Topics in Juvenile Justice	
JJUS 5397	Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation	
Sociology Electives		15
SOCG 5341	Contemporary Sociological Theory	
SOCG 5324	Urban Sociology	
SOCG 5333	Crime and Society	
SOCG 5335	Seminar in Race Relations	
SOCG 5342	Social Inequality	
SOCG 5344	Social Movements	
SOCG 5345	Complex Organizations	
SOCG 5346	Special Topics	
SOCG 5352	Black Family	
SOCG 5355	Sociology of Gender and Sex Roles	
SOCG 5372	Black Sociology	
SOCG 5383	Media Studies	
SOCG 5384	Urban Field Research	
Total Hours		30
Thesis Concentration		
Major Requirement		6
SOCG 5321	Classical Sociological Theory ¹	
SOCG 5322	Research Methods	
Tools Course Requirements		3
Select one course (3 hours) selected from the following		
CNSL 5309	Educational Statistics	
CODE 5308	Demography and GIS	
MGMT 5311	Business Statistics	
SOCG 5312	Social Statistics	
Thesis		6
SOCG 5361	Thesis	
SOCG 5362	Thesis	
Sociology Electives:		15
SOCG 5341	Contemporary Sociological Theory	
SOCG 5324	Urban Sociology	
SOCG 5326	Sociology of Education	
SOCG 5333	Crime and Society	
SOCG 5335	Seminar in Race Relations	
SOCG 5342	Social Inequality	
SOCG 5344	Social Movements	
SOCG 5345	Complex Organizations	
SOCG 5346	Special Topics	
SOCG 5352	Black Family	
SOCG 5355	Sociology of Gender and Sex Roles	
SOCG 5372	Black Sociology	

SOCG 5382	Graduate Capstone	
SOCG 5383	Media Studies	
SOCG 5384	Urban Field Research	
Total Hours		30

¹ Either SOCG 5321 or SOCG 5341 may be taken as a Major Requirement. Whichever course is taken for the Major Requirement, the other may be taken as a Sociology Elective

Master of Arts in Sociology- Non Thesis Concentration Degree Sequence

First Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOCG 5322		3 SOCG 5321		3 Sociology Elective	3
Sociology Elective		3 or SOCG 5341			
Sociology Elective		3 Sociology Elective		3	
		Related Field Elective		3	
Total		9 Total		9 Total	3

Total Hours: 21

Second Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours
Sociology Elective	3
SOCG 5382	3
Related Field Elective	3
Total	9

Total Hours: 9

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 30

MA Sociology-Thesis Concentration

First Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours	Summer	Hours
SOCG 5322		3 SOCG 5321		3 Sociology Elective	3
Sociology Elective		3 or SOCG 5341			
Sociology Elective		3 Research Tools Course		3	
		SOCG 5361		3	
Total		9 Total		9 Total	3

Total Hours: 21

Second Year

Fall - Semester 1	Hours
Sociology Elective	3
Sociology Elective	3
SOCG 5362	3
Total	9

Total Hours: 9

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit hours: 30

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas, are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complementary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

MA Sociology

Degree Skills

1. Research project management, creating and managing work teams, gathering and evaluating data, creating and analyzing surveys, interviewing and creating oral histories, research ethics, working with research subjects, public research, public speaking, preparing presentations, analyzing and summarizing data to present reports, effective writing, examining alternate explanations from various points of view
2. Reading and analyzing information from a critical perspective, evaluating theoretical frameworks, evaluating data, analyzing complex problems, applying and extending theoretical frameworks to applied problems
3. Cultural sensitivity, awareness and promotion of social justice, recognizing and challenging inequities based on race/class/gender/ableism/ethnicity/religion/ageism/sexual orientation, assessing social needs, building community, and work ethic

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Project development and management, civic engagement, public speaking, community inclusion in research, public sociology
2. Adaptability, problem solving, accountability, working in teams
3. Develop and implement project schedules/calendars, develop civic goals, communication with the public, visualize social justice at the community/national/international level