CORE REQUIREMENTS for Graduate Programs in SOCIOLOGY

- Ph.D. Sociology
- M.S. Sociology

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## M.S. Sociology, Thesis Option

The Master’s Degree with thesis requires a minimum of 31 hours of course work. At least 15 hours, excluding thesis and individual research hours, must be at the graduate 5000-level or higher.

- Proseminar—1 hour
- Sociological Theory—3 hours
- Social Research Methods—6 hours
- Statistics—3 hours (must be SOC 5263 or equivalent)
- Additional Sociology Courses—12 hours
- Master’s Thesis—6 hours

## M.S. Sociology, Non-Thesis Option

The Master’s Degree non-thesis option requires a minimum of 32 hours of course work. At least 22 hours must be at the graduate 5000-level or higher. The specific requirements are listed below. For a list of the course options available in each of the categories listed below, please see the attached “Basic Core Requirements” sheet. Students on the non-thesis track will complete a creative component project as designated by each student’s graduate committee. Students on the non-thesis track will be given low priority for department funding. In addition, students on this track will not be considered for the Ph.D. program in Sociology at Oklahoma State University.

- Proseminar—1 hour
- Sociological Theory—3 hours
- Social Research Methods—6 hours
- Statistics—3 hours (must be SOC 5263 or equivalent)
- Creative Component—3 hours (SOC 5013)
- Additional Sociology Courses—16 hours

## Ph.D. Sociology

The Doctoral Degree requires a minimum of 91-semester hours credit beyond the baccalaureate degree, or 60-semester hours credit beyond the master’s degree. At least 30 hours, excluding thesis and individual research course hours, must be earned from course work at the 5000-level or higher.

- Proseminar—1 hour
- Sociological Theory—6 hours at 5000 or 6000-level
- Research Methods/Statistics — 15 hours as outlined in basic core requirements
- Two Comprehensive Areas—12 hours total at 5000 or 6000-level (6 hours or more in departmental seminars in each of two selected comprehensive areas)
- Electives—8-11 hours
- Doctoral Thesis—15-18 hours (minimum 15)
Students enrolled full-time are advised to complete at least the required courses for methods, statistics, and theory in their first year of study.

### METHODS/STATISTICS

**Dr. Fullerton—Chair**

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<th>Ph.D. — 15 hrs</th>
<th>M.S. — 9 hours</th>
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**Required Courses for M.S. & Ph.D.:**

- SOC 5243 — Soc. Research Design & Analysis
- SOC 5263 — Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- SOC 5273 — Qualitative Research Methods

**Additional Courses for Ph.D. Students:**

- SOC 5950 (Categorical Data Analysis)
  - Prerequisite: SOC 5263.
- One Advanced quantitative or qualitative methods course (See the two lists of courses below).
  - Prerequisites: Quantitative — SOC 5263.
  - Prerequisites: Qualitative — SOC 5273.

**Advanced Quantitative Methods Courses:**

- HDFS 6153, PSYC 6913 or SOC 5950 (Multilevel Analysis); HDFS 6143 or SOC 5950 (Structural Equation Modeling); SOC 5950 (Longitudinal Data Analysis); PSYC 6813 or STAT 5063 (Multivariate Analysis).

**Advanced Qualitative Methods Courses:**

- SCFD 6193 or SOC 5283 (Advanced Qualitative).

### THEORY

**Dr. Whitham—Chair**

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<th>Ph.D. — 6 hours</th>
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**Required Courses:**

- SOC 5113 — Classical Sociological Theory
- SOC 5123 — Contemporary Sociological Theory

### PROSEMINAR

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**Required Course:**

- SOC 5001 — Graduate Proseminar
Ph.D. students are required to complete at least 3 hours of coursework in a comprehensive area before writing their exam in that area.

With permission of both the student’s advisor and the comprehensive area committee, SOC 5990-Independent Study (up to 9 hours) can substitute for required or additional courses.

Only one 4000-level course may be taken for graduate credit with permission of the student’s advisor. A “G” following the section number indicates a 4000-level course approved for graduate credit.

### Criminology & Deviance

Dr. Sittner—Chair  Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- SOC 5343—Sociology of Law & Punishment
- SOC 5583—Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- SOC 5950—Gender, Sexuality, and Law
- SOC 5990—Advanced Topics in Criminology and Deviance
- SOC 6753—Seminar in Deviance & Criminology

### Environmental Sociology

Dr. Long—Chair  Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- SOC 5463—Seminar in Environmental Sociology
- SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- SOC 5950—Green Criminology
- SOC 6460—Advanced Studies in Environmental Sociology
- SOC 6463—International Issues in Environmental Sociology
Social Psychology

Dr. Whitham—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- SOC 5990—Advanced Topics in Sociology

Social Inequality

Dr. Fullerton—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- SOC 5063—Seminar in Social Inequality & Stratification
- SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- SOC 5643—Gender and Society
- SOC 5663—American Pluralism: Race & Ethnicity in American Life
- SOC 5950—Gender, Sexuality, and Law
- SOC 5950—Green Criminology
- SOC 5990—Advanced Topics in Social Inequality
- SOC 6463—International Issues in Environmental Sociology

Social Movements

Dr. Coley—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- SOC 5990—Advanced Topics in Social Movements