

CORE REQUIREMENTS for Graduate Programs in SOCIOLOGY

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



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COURSE & HOUR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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)

CORE & COMPREHENSIVE AREA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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

Ph.D.—15 hrs

M.S.—9 hours

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).
Pre-requisites: 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

Ph.D.—6 hours

M.S.—3 hours

Required Courses:

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

PROSEMINAR

Dr. Mix —Chair

Ph.D.—1 hour

M.S.—1 hour

Required Course:

- ☐ SOC 5001—Graduate Proseminar

COMPREHENSIVE AREA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- ♦ 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. Liang—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- ☐ SOC 6753—Seminar in Deviance & Criminology
- ☐ SOC 5343—Sociology of Law & Punishment
- ☐ SOC 5573—Seminar on Victimology
- ☐ SOC 5583—Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- ☐ SOC5593—Seminar on Organization & Administration in Law Enforcement & Society
- ☐ SOC 5793—Seminar in Organizational Deviance

Environmental Sociology

Dr. Gill—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- ☐ SOC 5463—Seminar in Environmental Sociology
- ☐ SOC 5333—Global Population & Social Problems
- ☐ SOC 5473—Seminar on the Contemporary Environmental Movement
- ☐ SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- ☐ SOC 6460—Advanced Studies in Environmental Sociology
- ☐ SOC 6463—International Issues in Environmental Sociology
- ☐ SOC 6493—Sociology of Disaster

Social Inequality

Dr. McLaughlin—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 5663—American Pluralism: Race & Ethnicity in American Life
- ☐ SOC 5950—Sociology of Gender
- ☐ SOC 6493—Sociology of Disaster
- ☐ ANTH 5243—Globalization & Culture

Social Movements

Dr. Mix—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- ☐ SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- ☐ SOC 5473—Seminar on the Contemporary Environmental Movements
- ☐ SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- ☐ SOC 5950—Advanced Studies in Social Movements
- ☐ SOC 5990—Advanced Topics in Sociology

Social Psychology

Dr. Whitham—Chair Ph.D.—6 hours

Choose courses from the list below:

- ☐ SOC 6653—Seminar in Social Psychology
- ☐ SOC 6853—Seminar in Symbolic Interactionism
- ☐ SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- ☐ SOC 6213—Theory of Social Structure