

SOCIOLOGY, M.S.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

| Face to Face | Evening/ Weekend | Online | Hybrid | Accelerated |
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| Yes | No | No | No | No |

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement Detail

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| Minimum Credit Requirement | 30 credits |
| Minimum Residence Credit Requirement | 16 credits |
| Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244). |
| Overall Graduate GPA Requirement | 3.25 GPA required (3.00 in the first semester) |

Other Grade Requirements Students must earn a BC or above in all required courses. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.

Assessments and Examinations Master's students write a thesis under the supervision of their major professor. After completing the thesis, students take a comprehensive oral exam covering general sociology, graduate work to date, and the thesis.

Occasionally students decide not to continue pursuit of the Ph.D. and opt to complete the requirements for a non-thesis Master's degree. In these rare cases, students complete course requirements and take the comprehensive oral exam.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

REQUIRED COURSES

The Departments of Sociology and Community & Environmental Sociology have one graduate program, and we admit only those students who intend to complete a Ph.D. Students admitted to the doctoral program earn a Master's degree en route to the Ph.D. They complete the courses listed below and also write and defend a thesis. Students who earned a Master's degree that included a thesis before entering the program may receive a waiver of the thesis requirement.

Master's Degree Course Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| Required Courses | | |
| SOC 700 | Introductory Proseminar for Graduate Students | 1 |
| SOC/C&E SOC 361 | Statistics for Sociologists II | 4 |
| SOC 754 | Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology | 3 |
| SOC 773 | Intermediate Classical Theory | 3 |
| Additional credits | | 19 |

Additional credits should be selected from SOC/C&E SOC courses and seminars restricted to graduate students (typically these courses are numbered 700-984). These additional credits may include no more than 9 credits numbered 985 and above (e.g., working group courses, independent reading courses, and thesis credits).

Those students affiliated with the multi-disciplinary Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging must complete these courses toward the Methods requirement:

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| SOC 674 | Demographic Techniques I | 3 |
| SOC 756 | Demographic Techniques II | 3 |
| Each semester, throughout the graduate program, CDE/CDHA students must also enroll in: | | |
| SOC/C&E SOC 995 | Research: Methodology Trainees | 1-3 |
| SOC/C&E SOC 997 | Research: Demography and Ecology Trainees | 1-3 |
| Total Credits | | 30 |