

SOCIOLOGY, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
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	
Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 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.

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 Ph.D. students must pass two written preliminary exams in two different sociology subfields as well as an oral prelim. They then write a dissertation under the supervision of their major professor. After completing the dissertation, students take a final oral exam covering the dissertation and the general field of the major and minor studies.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a minor or graduate/professional certificate.

• Option A, external: a minimum of nine graduate credits in one department or program (either single disciplinary or multi-disciplinary) outside of both Sociology and C&E Sociology.

• Option B, distributed: a minimum of nine graduate credits in two or more departments outside of both Sociology and C&E Sociology. The courses must be thematically unified and thus form a coherent topic. The nine credits for the Option B Minor may include one (but no more than one) course cross-listed with Sociology or C&E Sociology, but no courses may be taught by either Sociology or C&E Sociology professors.

• Option C, certificate: completion of a Graduate/Professional certificate in a program outside of Sociology and C&E Sociology. Certificate programs coordinate teaching and research among scholars active in interrelated disciplines, and they typically require 9-12 credits.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 700	Introductory Proseminar for Graduate Students	1
SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II	4
SOC 362	Statistics for Sociologists III	4
SOC/C&E SOC 750	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 754	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 773	Intermediate Classical Theory	3
Select four seminars in Sociology or Community & Environmental Sociology ^{1,2}		12
Doctoral Minor or Graduate/Professional Certificate (see above)		minimum 9 credits
Additional Credits ³		
Additional courses required for students affiliated with the Center for Demography & Ecology or the Center for Demography of Health & Aging:		
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: ³		
SOC/C&E SOC 995	Research: Methodology Trainees	1-3

SOC/C&E SOC 997 Research: Demography and Ecology 1-3
Trainees

Total Credits	Minimum of 51
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Those students affiliated with the multi-disciplinary Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging must include SOC/C&E SOC 971 (Topic: Seminar in Population & Society I) and SOC/C&E SOC 971 (Topic: Seminar in Population & Society II) in their seminar requirements.

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These courses may or may not contain the word "Seminar" in the title and are typically numbered between 900 and 979. Working group courses—i.e., those numbered between 980 and 995—don't count toward the seminar requirement. Seminar courses in which a student earns an S (satisfactory) rather than a letter grade do count toward the 51 required credits but do not fulfill the seminar requirement.

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Students in CDE/CDHA must take 1 credit each SOC 990, SOC/C&E SOC 995, and SOC/C&E SOC 997 once they reach dissertator status. Other students must only take 3 credits of SOC 990.