Sociology
Master of Arts

Thirty graduate credits, including thesis work, are required for a Master of Arts degree. The program of study is divided into four components: scholarly tools, core curriculum, cognate, and thesis. The core courses include sociological thought, social theory, research design, and analytical methods. Courses in the scholarly tools component include one course in statistics and other courses in research methods. The cognate includes nine credits in a minor or cognate; and thesis is comprised of four credits.

The mission of the sociology graduate program is to prepare students for advanced training, for university teaching careers, or for professional careers that allow them to apply their advanced sociological training. The program facilitates students gaining the sophisticated theoretical, methodological, and analytical skills with which to examine sociological research questions. All courses in the curriculum focus on building these skills to a level in which the student is able to independently engage in research informed by a sociological perspective.

Program Goals

Goal 1: How is sociology distinctive as a discipline? Students should be able to:

Objective a: Demonstrate an ability to understand empirical sociological studies, including what makes a given study sociological in nature.

Objective b: Create a sociological research question, including an argument for how it is sociologically informed.

Goal 2: What do sociologists know? Students should be able to:

Objective a: Utilize existing sociological literature to build a case for a specific research question.

Objective b: Synthesize existing sociological literature to frame the development of hypotheses.

Goal 3: How is sociological knowledge produced? Students should be able to:

Objective a: Use theoretical concepts to inform a research question.

Objective b: Develop and implement sociological methods to answer a research question.

Objective c: Analyze data statistically at the multivariate level.

Goal 4: How is sociological knowledge communicated? Students should be able to:

Objective a: Use discipline-specific conventions to communicate sociological research in writing.

Objective b: Create and deliver oral presentations of sociological research using discipline-specific conventions.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must meet the School of Graduate Studies’ current minimum general admission requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

1. A four-year bachelor’s degree from a recognized college or university.
2. A minimum of twenty semester hours of undergraduate sociology or related fields with an overall grade point average of 3.00 (A=4.0), a GPA of at least 3.25 for the last two years of undergraduate study; and 3.25 GPA in their major.
3. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.
4. Approved status presupposes some undergraduate training in methods of social research, statistics, sociological theory and social psychology with a minimum grade of B in each.

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Degree Requirements
Thesis Option:
1. A minimum of 30 semester credits in a major field, including the credits granted for the thesis and the research leading to the thesis.
2. At least one-half of the credits must be at or above the 500-level.
3. A maximum of one-fourth (usually 8-9 semester credits) of the credit hours required for the degree may be transferred from another institution.
4. The program may include just the major, the major and a minor, or the major and a cognate area. The major must include 20 credits from the major department, and a minor or cognate area must include at least nine credits.
5. Program must include a systematic treatment of the field of sociological theory plus sufficient training in research methods and statistical techniques to assure understanding and competence in their use.
6. Required Courses: (Grade of “B” or better is required for all of the following)

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- **Elizabeth Legerski**, Assistant Professor, Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Kansas; Gender, Social Inequality, Health and Social Policy.
- **Krista Lynn Minnotte**, Associate Professor; Ph.D. in Sociology, Utah State University; Work and Labor Markets, Sex and Gender, Family.
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