

Sociology

College of Arts & Sciences

The Sociology graduate program offers graduate work leading to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. Both Plan A and Plan B are offered for the Master's degrees. Graduate students pursuing the Ph.D. degree choose two areas of specialization, one of which must be within the discipline of sociology. The other specialization may be within sociology or a related substantive area. Current areas of faculty expertise include Criminology & Deviance; Global Work & Politics; Rural, Community & Environmental Sociology; Health & Medical Sociology; and Social Inequalities. In addition to the two specialization areas, doctoral students must demonstrate competence in theory and methods on the comprehensive assessment examination prior to taking the qualifying examination on their specialization areas.

To aid in financing graduate education, a number of assistantships are available to qualified students. Outstanding students may compete for fellowships.

Sociologists at the University of Kentucky in the Departments of Sociology, Community and Leadership Development (in the College of Agriculture, Food, & Environment), and Behavioral Science (in the College of Medicine) carry on a substantial variety of research projects, consultative activities, extension education programs, and community services. Specialized experience and training are available to graduate students in rural sociology at the Agricultural Experiment Station and opportunities for applied sociology experience are available in the Cooperative Extension Service.

Assistantships and traineeships in health-related areas are available to graduate students in Behavioral Science in the College of Medicine.

Opportunities for multidisciplinary work exist in conjunction with centers and programs at the University of Kentucky including African American and Africana Studies, Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies, the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Prevention Research Center, Center on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Center for Poverty Research, the Quantitative Initiative for Policy and Social Research, Committee on Social Theory, International Studies, and Gender and Women's Studies. Assistantships and traineeships are also available to qualified sociology graduate students through these centers and programs.

Admission Requirements

The percentile rankings of the three components of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) must average (mean) at least 50 percent. The following additional materials are required to apply for admission to the graduate program in Sociology, and should be sent directly to the Graduate School's ApplyYourself site. Any inquiry on the program requirements and the admission process should be directed to: Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, 1515 Patterson Office Tower, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027:

- A statement of goals and reasons for pursuing an advanced degree in sociology. It is helpful if applicants also address the field(s) of interest within sociology they may wish to pursue in their graduate studies.
- A sample of writing, preferably in the form of a term paper, an extensive essay, or a draft of a senior thesis. If the applicant has completed a master's degree, she or he may submit one or two chapters from the master's thesis. Please do not submit a copy of the entire master's thesis.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Application form for fellowships and assistantships, if the applicant wishes to be considered for a

teaching assistantship, research assistantship, traineeship, or fellowship. This application form is available at: <https://soc.as.uky.edu/sites/default/files/application.pdf>.

Graduate Courses

SOC 517	Rural Sociology	(3)
SOC 534	The Southern Appalachians: A Sociological Interpretation (Same as ANT 534)	(3)
SOC 535	Studies In Social Inequalities (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SOC 539	Advanced Topics In Crime, Law And Deviance (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SOC 541	Advanced Topics In Work, Organization And Economy (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SOC 543	Advanced Topics In Political Sociology (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SOC 550	Advanced Topics In Sociology (Subtitle Required)	(3)
SOC 565	Independent Work	(1-3)
SOC 603	Seminar In Teaching Sociology	(3)
SOC 610	Proseminar In Complex Organization	(3)
SOC 622	Topics And Methods Of Evaluation (Same as ANT/EPE/EDP 620)	(3)
SOC 630	Proseminar In Deviant Behavior	(3)
SOC 635	Seminar In Social Inequalities	(3)
SOC 636	Stratification And Mobility	(3)
SOC 637	Sociocultural Dimensions Of Economic Development (Same as ANT 637)	(3)
SOC 641	Gender Issues In Development (Same as ANT 641)	(3)
SOC 642	The Sociology Of Work, Occupations And Labor Markets	(3)
SOC 645	Topics In Political Sociology	(3)
SOC 646	Social Movements And Social Change	(3)
SOC 650	Concepts And Theories In Sociology	(3)
SOC 651	Classical Sociological Theory	(3)
SOC 653	Family Theory (Same as FAM 653)	(3)
SOC 661	Sociology Of Education (Same As EPE 661)	(3)
SOC 665	Program Development And Evaluation (Same as CLD 665)	(3)
SOC 675	Community Development And Leadership Communications (Same as CLD 675)	(3)
SOC 680	Social Investigation	(4)
SOC 681	Quantitatively Analysis I (Same as PS 572)	(3)
SOC 682	Special Topics In Advanced Sociological Methods	(1-3)
SOC 685	Community Development Theory And Practice (Same as CLD 685)	(3)
SOC 730	Special Topics In Deviant Behavior	(1-3)
SOC 735	Topical Seminar In Social Inequalities	(3)
SOC 737	Culture, Environment And Development (Same as ANT 736)	(3)
SOC 748	Master's Thesis Research	(0)
SOC 749	Dissertation Research	(0)
SOC 751	Contemporary Sociological Theory	(3)
SOC 766	Concepts In Medical Sociology (Same as BSC 766)	(3)
SOC 767	Dissertation Residency Credit	(2)
SOC 768	Residence Credit For The Master's Degree	(1-6)
SOC 769	Residence Credit For The Doctor's Degree	(0-12)
SOC 772	Topical Seminar In Sociology	(3)
SOC 773	Topical Seminar	(3)
SOC 776	Seminar In Dependency Behavior (Same as BSC/ANT/PSY 776)	(3)
SOC 777	Seminar In Mental Illness Concepts, Research And Policy (Same as BSC 777)	(3)

SOC 779	Topical Seminar In Social Psychology (Same as PSY 779)	(3)
SOC 780	Special Problems In Sociology	(1-6)
SOC 781	Quantitative Data Analysis II	(3)
SOC 785	Comparative Health Care Systems (Same as BSC 785)	(3)
SOC 790	Research In Rural Sociology	(1-3)
SOC 792	Research In Sociology	(1-6)
SOC 797	Community Development Practicum	(1-9)