SOCIOMETRY (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). In addition, new applicants to the sociology program must satisfy the criteria below. Applications are considered for admission to fall term only; all stages and materials in the application process must be completed by January 15. Materials required for admission include:

1. Graduate Application (demographic and educational profile).
2. Official transcripts from past universities attended.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation (at least two should be from university or college faculty members).
4. Statement of Interest (this should describe applicants’ reasons for graduate study in Sociology, proposed areas of study, and career goals).
5. Writing sample.
6. G.R.E. scores.¹
7. TOEFL scores.²

¹ G.R.E. scores will be considered, but will not be a binding criterion for admission. The Department realizes that scores on standardized tests are greatly influenced by social and cultural factors, and may not be accurate indicators of performance ability. A combined assessment of students’ GPA, G.R.E. scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation, writing sample, and statements of interest will be used to make admissions decisions.

² We are currently asking for paper-based TOEFL scores of 600 or above (or internet-based TOEFL scores of 100 or above) for entry into our Ph.D. program. Nonetheless, we will consider students who have a score of 550 or better on the paper version of the TOEFL (or 80 or better on the internet-based version of the TOEFL). The Department realizes that scores on standardized tests are greatly influenced by social and cultural factors, and may not be accurate indicators of performance ability.

A grade point average of at least 3.3 in upper division courses, and in sociology courses, is required for admission consideration to the Master’s program. All entering students must have SOC 4050 (sociological theory), SOC 4200 (research methods), and SOC 4220 (statistics), or their equivalents. SOC 4220 may be waived by permission of the instructor of SOC 6280. Students required to take prerequisites should have the courses completed by the end of the first year of graduate studies, and prior to taking graduate-level theory and methods courses. Prerequisite courses do not apply to graduate credit, and must be successfully completed with a grade of ‘B’ or better.

The Master of Arts degree with a major in Sociology offers two tracks: Plan A (the Master’s thesis track) and Plan B (the Master’s Essay track). Students seeking the Ph.D. degree should select Plan A. All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations).

Plan A for students enrolled prior to Fall 2014 requires thirty-two credits in course work including:

SOC 6050 Sociological Theory Before 1920 4
SOC 6060 Sociological Theory Since 1920 4
SOC 6280 Social Statistics 4
SOC 7200 Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research 4
SOC 7030 Proseminar 4
SOC 8999 Master’s Thesis 8
Four credits of sociology electives 4
Total Credits 32

Plan A is recommended for students who plan to go on to the Ph.D. A final oral examination and public defense of the Master’s thesis is required.

Plan B requires thirty-two credits in course work including:

SOC 6050 Sociological Theory Before 1920 4
SOC 6280 Social Statistics 4
SOC 7200 Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research 4
SOC 7030 Proseminar 4
SOC 7999 Master’s Essay 3
Electives (Ten of which must be in sociology courses) 13
Total Credits 32

A final oral examination and public defense of the Master’s essay is required.

Applied Sociological Research Methodology (M.A. Concentration)

The goal of this program is to provide training for students to enter careers as research analysts. Students receive instruction in advanced quantitative and qualitative methodology, and first-hand experience in applied research and policy-related internships. Following their internship, students write an M.A. essay supervised by their faculty advisor that applies methodological and/or statistical expertise to a problem identified by their internship supervisor.

This concentration is offered only as a Plan B master’s program for which thirty-two credits are required. Required courses include:

SOC 6280 Social Statistics 4
SOC 6290 Advanced Social Statistics 4
SOC 7000 Internship in Applied Sociology 3
SOC 7200 Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research 4
SOC 7260 Qualitative Sociology 4
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