

SOCIOLOGY (M.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (<https://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 applicant's reasons for graduate study in Sociology, proposed areas of study, and career goals).
5. Writing sample.
6. G.R.E. scores.¹ (submission of GRE scores is optional).
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.

The Master of Arts degree with a major in Sociology requires a minimum of 30 credits. 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/>).

The program is offered as Plan A (thesis) or Plan B (essay). Students seeking the Ph.D. degree should select Plan A. Students selecting Plan B have the option of following the curriculum for a concentration in Applied Sociological Research Methodology (see requirements below).

Plan A: Thesis

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 6280	Social Statistics	3
SOC 7050	Comparative Schools of Sociological Theory	3
SOC 7200	Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research	3
SOC 7260	Qualitative Sociology	3
SOC 7030	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Sociology	1
SOC 8999	Master's Thesis	8

Electives	9
Total Credits	30

Plan B: Essay

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 6280	Social Statistics	3
SOC 7050	Comparative Schools of Sociological Theory	3
SOC 7200	Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research	3
SOC 7260	Qualitative Sociology	3
SOC 7999	Master's Essay	3
Electives		15
Total Credits		30

Applied Sociological Research Methodology

The M.A. in Sociology with a concentration in Applied Methodology research is offered under Plan B.

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 6280	Social Statistics	3
SOC 7200	Advanced Survey of Approaches and Techniques of Social Research	3
SOC 7000	Internship in Applied Sociology	3
SOC 7260	Qualitative Sociology	3
SOC 7270	Analysis of Evaluation Data	3
SOC 7280	Analysis of Complex Survey Data	3
SOC 7290	Advanced Social Statistics	3
SOC 7500	Advanced Qualitative Methods	3
SOC 7999	Master's Essay	3
Elective		3
Total Credits		30