

# SOCIOLOGY - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences  
 Department of Sociology and Criminology  
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## About This Program

The Master of Arts in Sociology program provides a comprehensive understanding of social structures and dynamics. With experienced faculty and diverse research opportunities, students develop the skills needed to make a positive impact in the field. Read more...

## Contact Information

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## Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
  - In person
- **Location:**
  - Kent Campus

## Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries\*

### Social science research assistants

- 5.8% faster than the average
- 40,100 number of jobs
- \$49,210 potential earnings

### Sociologists

- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 3,200 number of jobs
- \$86,110 potential earnings

### Sociology teachers, postsecondary

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 17,000 number of jobs
- \$75,610 potential earnings

\* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university<sup>1</sup>
- Minimum 2.750 GPA on a 4.000 point scale

- Official transcripts
- GRE scores (taken within the last five years)
- Goal statement (1-2 pages), describing current academic interests, research interests, long-range career goals and how admission to the Department of Sociology at Kent State University will facilitate the achievement of these goals
- Three letters of recommendation from current/former professors who can adequately evaluate the applicant's past work and potential
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
  - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score
  - Minimum 82 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 65 PTE score
  - Minimum 120 Duolingo English score

<sup>1</sup> Applications for admission are accepted from those who will have a completed bachelor's degree upon starting the program.

## Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
  - Priority deadline: December 1  
*Applications submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.*

## Program Requirements

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
SOC 62002	PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN SOCIOLOGY	3
SOC 62100	EARLY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY	3
SOC 62199	THESIS I	6
SOC 62211	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY	4
SOC 62217	MULTIVARIATE TECHNIQUES IN SOCIOLOGY	4
Electives <sup>1</sup>		10
<b>Minimum Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> No more than 6 credit hours of SOC 62896 and/or SOC 62898 may be applied toward the degree as elective credits. No more than 3 credit hours of 50000-level coursework may be applied toward the degree as elective credit.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of professional and ethical issues and duties in the discipline of sociology.
2. Demonstrate a practical understanding of early/classical sociological theory by using it to better understand social phenomena and human behavior; and develop new theoretical arguments and pose and attempt to answer research questions.

3. Demonstrate a practical understanding of research methods in sociology.
4. Demonstrate a practical understanding of multivariate statistics in application to social research.
5. Demonstrate the ability to carry out original research through the successful completion of a thesis project.

## **Full Description**

The Master of Arts degree in Sociology is designed to prepare students for doctoral study in sociology and for careers in a variety of professions and industries, including, but not limited to, government, research companies and non-profit organizations.