SOCIODY - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences
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Description
The Master of Arts degree in Sociology is an intermediate degree required of students in the doctoral program.

FULLY OFFERED AT:
• Kent Campus

Admission Requirements
• Official transcripts(s)
• GRE scores (taken within the last five years)
• Three letters of recommendation from current/former professors who can adequately evaluate the applicant’s past work and potential
• 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

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 587 TOEFL score (94 on the Internet-based version), minimum 82 MELAB score, minimum 7.0 IELTS score or minimum 65 PTE Academic score. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website. Effective spring 2018.

Applications for admission are accepted from those who will have a completed bachelor’s or master’s degree upon starting the program. It is limited to students whose records clearly indicate both scholarly and research potential to do doctoral-level work. For applicants who will have a completed master’s degree from another institution upon starting the program, the master’s degree/thesis and maximum 12 credit hours of relevant coursework with minimum B grade from accredited institutions may be accepted for transfer towards the doctoral degree, subject to approval by the Department of Sociology and college dean. However, all students who enter the program with an M.A. degree earned at another institution must take SOC 72002. This course will not be waived. If the M.A. degree is not completed upon admission, students must complete it before the start of the second semester after they begin the program.

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies website.

Program Learning Outcomes
Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a practical understanding of sociological theory by using it to better understand social phenomena and human behavior, develop new theoretical arguments and pose and attempt to answer research questions.

2. Demonstrate a practical understanding of research methods in sociology, including both quantitative methods (e.g., survey, experimental) and qualitative methods (e.g., participant observation, content analysis).

3. Demonstrate a practical understanding of statistics in application to social research, including basic multivariate statistics (e.g., multiple regression), as well as advanced techniques (e.g., structural equation modeling).

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

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Electives 2

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 34

1. May be in either thesis or non-thesis format; may be an empirical research study, theoretical project or student-contracted field internship in an agency.

2. Maximum 12 credit hours of electives may be taken outside the Department of Sociology toward the M.A. degree.