**SOCILOGY - PH.D.**

**College of Arts and Sciences**  
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**Description**  
The Ph.D. degree in Sociology prepares students for research and teaching careers in higher education and for research-based careers in both the public and private sectors. The program offers specializations in criminology and deviance, the sociology of health and mental health, social inequalities (race, class, gender), and social psychology.

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• Kent Campus

**Admission Requirements**

- Official transcripts(s)
- Bachelor's or master's degree
- 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 - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following (effective spring 2018):
  - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
  - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
  - Minimum 82 MELAB score
  - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
  - Minimum 65 PTE score

Admission is limited to students whose records clearly indicate both scholarly and research potential to do doctoral-level work. For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

1 All students who entered the program with an M.A. degree earned at another institution must take SOC 72002. This course will not be waived.

2 Each doctoral candidate, upon admission to candidacy, must register for SOC 82199 for a total of 30 credit hours. It is expected that a doctoral candidate will continuously register for Dissertation I, and thereafter SOC 82299, each semester, including one term each summer, until all requirements for the degree have been met. After completing the dissertation, students must successfully defend it in an oral examination.

3 Students who will have a completed master's degree from another accredited institution may transfer a maximum 12 credit hours of relevant coursework with minimum B grade, subject to approval by the Department of Sociology and college dean.

**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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Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Baccalaureate Students: 96  
Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Master's Students: 62

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**Candidacy Examination**
To earn the Ph.D. degree, students must pass the doctoral candidacy examination. The examination will include an evaluation of theory, methodology, analysis and other topics relevant to the student's specialty areas.