SOCIOLOGY - PH.D.

College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology
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Examples of Possible Careers*

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

Contact Information
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- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Fully Offered
- Kent Campus

Admission Terms
- Fall
- Spring
- Summer

Admission to the Ph.D. degree 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.

Applications for admission are accepted from those who will have a completed baccalaureate 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.

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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### College Teaching of Sociology

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**Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Baccalaureate Students:** 90

**Minimum Total Credit Hours for Post-Master's Students:** 65

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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 SOC 82199, and thereafter SOC 82299, each semester, until all requirements for the degree have been met. After completing the dissertation, students must successfully defend it in an oral examination. The exam will include an evaluation of theory, methodology, analysis and other topics relevant to the student's specialty areas.

3. Students who have already completed a master's degree in sociology are required to take a minimum of 13-18 elective credit hours (based on where they have earned their master's degree). Students who have not earned a master's degree in sociology are required to take a minimum of 26 elective credit hours. In the electives, 9 credit hours must be in a specialization area.

No more than 6 credit hours of SOC 72896 and/or SOC 72898 may be applied toward the degree as elective credit. No more than 3 credit hours of 50000-level coursework may be applied toward the degree as elective credit. No more than 6 credit hours of graduate-level coursework outside the department may be applied toward the degree as elective credit. These limits include courses taken while earning a master's degree in sociology.

Students are to meet with the coordinator to discuss what coursework meets the program requirements and the specialization area.

### Candidacy Requirement

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 area.