Sociology

Program Requirements
Master's students in sociology are required to select and follow one of the optional program patterns below, chosen in consultation with a graduate adviser.

Transfer from Thesis to Course Work M.A.
Students who choose to change from the thesis to the course work program must normally do so before registering for a third term after initial, full-time registration, or before registering for a fifth term after initial part-time registration.

M.A. Sociology (5.0 credits)
Requirements - thesis program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 2.0 credits in courses. With department permission 0.5 credit may be selected from courses at the 4000-level.
3. 2.0 credits in:
   - SOCI 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
4. An oral examination on the candidate's thesis and program
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - research essay program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 3.0 credits in courses. With department permission 0.5 credit may be selected from courses at the 4000-level.
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay
4. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program
Total Credits 4.0

Requirements - course work program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 4.0 credits in courses. With department permission 0.5 credit may be selected from courses at the 4000-level.
Total Credits 5.0

M.A. Sociology with Concentration in Quantitative Methodology (5.0 credits)
Students in either the research essay or thesis program options may pursue a concentration in quantitative methodology. For a concentration in quantitative methodology, courses selected must include the following:

Requirements - Thesis program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 1.0 credit from:
   - SOCI 5102 [0.5] Multiple Regression Analysis
   - SOCI 5104 [0.5] Advanced Multivariate Analysis
   - SOCI 5105 [0.5] Selected Topics in Social Research
   - SOCI 5201 [0.5] Comparative Methods in Social Research
   - SOCI 5605 [0.5] Demographic Analysis
3. 1.0 credit in SOCI at the graduate level (not including those listed above)
4. 2.0 credits in a thesis
5. An oral examination on the candidate's thesis and program
Total Credits 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 1.0 credit from:
   - SOCI 5102 [0.5] Multiple Regression Analysis
   - SOCI 5104 [0.5] Advanced Multivariate Analysis
   - SOCI 5105 [0.5] Selected Topics in Social Research
   - SOCI 5201 [0.5] Comparative Methods in Social Research
   - SOCI 5605 [0.5] Demographic Analysis
3. 2.0 credits in SOCI at the graduate level (not including those listed above)
4. 1.0 credit in a research essay
5. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program
Total Credits 5.0

Students in the Concentration in Quantitative Methodology may arrange a work placement as 0.5 credit toward the program requirements as an approved option course. Placements can be arranged twice in two different academic terms and count for a total of 1.0 credit toward the program requirements. The conditions of the placement(s) are arranged with the student's supervisor and the placement coordinator. The paperwork is available on the departmental website and is to be submitted to the department for approval. Once approved, students shall enroll in SOCI 5906. Grades for the work placement are assigned in consultation between the placement supervisor and the placement coordinator.

Students in the Concentration in Quantitative Methodology may apply for admission into a Cooperative Education option. This option provides an opportunity for students to enhance their educational experience through a work experience directly related to their area of interest and expertise. Once admitted into this option, students shall enrol in SOCI 5913 [0.0] Co-operative Work Term. Students enrolled in the Co-operative Education option may not arrange a SOCI 5906 work placement as credit toward program requirements.
M.A. Sociology with Specialization in African Studies (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Thesis program (5.0 credits):
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 1.5 credits in courses. With departmental permission 0.5 credit may be selected from courses at the 4000-level.
3. 2.0 credits in:
   - SOCI 5809 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
4. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
5. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies

Total Credits: 5.0

Requirements - Research Essay program (5.0 credits):
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 2.5 credits in courses. With departmental permission one of the courses may be 0.5 credit at the 4000-level.
3. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay
4. 0.5 credit in:
   - AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives
5. 0.0 credit in:
   - AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies
6. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program.

Total Credits: 5.0

Requirements - Coursework program (5.0 credits):
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 2.5 credits in courses excluding SOCI 5905. With departmental permission 0.5 credit may be selected from courses at the 4000-level.
3. 1.0 credit in courses designated as having sufficient African Studies content, including at least 0.5 credit in:
   - SOCI 5404 [0.5] Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies
   - ANTH 5109 [0.5] Ethnography, Gender and Globalization
   - ANTH 5202 [0.5] The Anthropology of Underdevelopment
   - ANTH 5209 [0.5] Special Topics in the Anthropology of Africa
   - ANTH 5809 [0.5] Selected Topics in the Anthropology of Development and Underdevelopment
5. 0.5 credit in:
   - DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities
6. 0.5 credit from:
   - DIGH 5011 [0.5] Graduate Practicum in Digital Humanities
   - DIGH 5012 [0.5] Directed Readings and Research in Digital Humanities
   - Or, annually listed DIGH course.
7. 0.0 credit in:
   - DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

Total Credits: 5.0

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in Digital Humanities (5.0 credits)

Requirements - Research Essay program (5.0 credits):
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 2.0 credits in courses. With departmental permission one of the courses may be 0.5 credit at the 4000-level.
3. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program.
4. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay
5. 0.5 credit in:
   - DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities
6. 0.5 credit from:
   - DIGH 5011 [0.5] Graduate Practicum in Digital Humanities
   - DIGH 5012 [0.5] Directed Readings and Research in Digital Humanities
   - Or, annually listed DIGH course.
7. 0.0 credit in:
   - DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

Total Credits: 5.0

Requirements - Thesis program (5.0 credits):
1. 1.0 credit in:
   - SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought
   - SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process
2. 1.0 credit in courses
3. 2.0 credits in:
   - SOCI 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis
5. 0.5 credit in:
   - DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities
6. 0.5 credit from:
   - DIGH 5011 [0.5] Graduate Practicum in Digital Humanities
   - DIGH 5012 [0.5] Directed Readings and Research in Digital Humanities
   - Or, annually listed DIGH course.
7. 0.0 credit in:
   - DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development

Total Credits: 5.0
Ph.D. Sociology (10.0 credits)

Requirements:

1. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **SOCI 6000 [1.0]** Doctoral Seminar

2. **7.0 credits in:**
   - **SOCI 6909 [7.0]** Ph.D. Thesis

3. Written and oral comprehensive examinations in two areas of specialization

4. Presentation of a thesis proposal

5. **2.0 credits in SOCI courses at the 5000- or 6000-level**
   - or, with the permission of the graduate supervisor, up to 1.0 credit of graduate level courses from another unit at Carleton

6. An oral defence of the thesis

Total Credits: 10.0

Requirements:

1. **1.0 credit in:**
   - **SOCI 6000 [1.0]** Doctoral Seminar

2. **7.0 credits in:**
   - **SOCI 6909 [7.0]** Ph.D. Thesis

3. Written and oral comprehensive examinations in two areas of specialization

4. Presentation of a thesis proposal

5. **0.5 credit in:**
   - **PECO 6000 [0.5]** Political Economy: Core Concepts

6. **0.5 credit in:**
   - A relevant political economy course from the approved list or part of comprehensive preparation in the subfield of political economy

7. **1.0 credit in SOCI courses at the 5000- or 6000-level**
   - or, with the permission of the graduate supervisor, up to 1.0 credit of graduate level courses from another unit at Carleton

8. An oral defence of the thesis

Total Credits: 10.0

Comprehensive Examinations

Each Ph.D. candidate is required to write comprehensive examinations in two of the following areas:

- Theory and Methodology
- Stratification and Power
- Cultural Studies
- Applied Social Research

Subjects of instruction and research subsumed under these four areas are:

**Theory and Methodology**
- Logic of Social Scientific Inquiry
- Classical Social Theories
- Contemporary Social Theories
- Feminist Theories
- Research Methods (Historical, Qualitative, and Quantitative)

**Stratification and Power**
- Occupations, Organizations, and the Labour Process
- Class Analysis and Social Stratification

- Political Sociology
- Race and Ethnic Relations
- Gender Relations
- Political Economy
- Canadian Society
- Social and Economic Development
- Citizenship Studies
- Governance, Regulation, and Law

**Cultural Studies**
- Communication and Popular Cultures
- Ethnographic Analysis
- Discourse Analysis
- Social Anthropology
- Social and Virtual Spaces

**Applied Social Research**
- Criminal Justice
- Health and Illness Policy
- Population Studies
- Sociology of Language
- Built Environments
- Education Policy

Upon petition to the sociology graduate program's coordinator, an approved field in sociology or a related discipline may be substituted for one of the options above. The subjects of instruction and research subsumed under each of the areas are indicative, and may be subsumed under more than one area, depending on the analytic approach adopted.

The comprehensive examinations are to be completed after course requirements for the Ph.D. have been completed. Comprehensive examinations must be completed no later than two years or six terms after initial full-time registration, and four years or twelve terms after initial part-time registration.

The thesis proposal is to be presented after comprehensive requirements have been completed. Normally the thesis proposal must be presented no later than two and one-half years or seven terms after initial full-time registration and five years or fifteen terms after initial part-time registration.

**Regulations**

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

**Academic Standing**

A grade of B- or better must normally be obtained in each credit counted toward the master's degree. With the recommendation of the department, and permission of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, a candidate may be allowed a grade of C+ in 1.0 credit.

**Regulations**

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.
Candidates must obtain a grade of B- or better in each credit, and Satisfactory on the comprehensive examinations, the Ph.D. thesis and its oral defence.

**Co-operative Education Program in Sociology**

The Co-operative Education program in Sociology provides Master of Arts (M.A.) students enrolled in the Concentration in Quantitative Methodology stream the opportunity to combine work placements with academic study.

**Co-operative Education Admission Requirements**

Students interested in admission into the Co-operative Education program in Sociology must apply by the end of the first semester of academic study.

To be eligible for admission to the Co-operative Education program in Sociology, students must:

- a. be registered in the Sociology M.A. Concentration in Quantitative Methodology stream;
- b. have successfully completed, by the start-date of the first work term, the required first-year core research methods courses (SOCI 5809 and at least 1.0 credit selected from: SOCI 5102, SOCI 5104, SOCI 5105 SOCI 5201, SOCI 5605);
- c. be registered full-time in each academic term prior to work term;
- d. be eligible to work in Canada (for off-campus work placements).

Students admitted to the Co-operative Education program must successfully complete two work placement term, each work term lasting four months, to receive a Co-operative Education designation on their academic transcript. Students register in the 0.0 credit Co-operative Education course SOCI 5913 and are permitted to enrol in one additional 0.5 credit course during each work term.

More information on Co-operative Education regulations can be found in Section 14.0 of the general regulations section of this Calendar.

**Admission**

The requirement for admission into the master's program is a B.A.Honours or equivalent with at least high honours standing in sociology or a closely-related field. Where relevant, previous professional experience will be taken into account in determining an applicant's standing on admission.

Applicants with general (three-year) bachelor's degrees may be admitted into a qualifying-year program designed to raise their standing to honours status. Students earning at least high honours standing in their qualifying-year courses will be considered for admission into the master's program. Refer to the General Regulations section of this Calendar for details of the regulations governing the qualifying year.

**Accelerated Pathway**

The accelerated pathway in the Department of Sociology is a flexible and individualized plan of graduate study. Students in their final year of a Carleton B.A. Honours degree in Sociology, or equivalent, may qualify for this pathway.

Students in their third-year of study in the Carleton B.A. Honours degree in Sociology, or related discipline, should consult with both the Undergraduate Advisor and Graduate Advisor to determine if the accelerated pathway is appropriate for them and to confirm their selection of courses for their final year of undergraduate studies.

**Accelerated Pathway Requirements**

1. Any two 0.5 credit 5000-level courses with a grade of B+ or higher
2. Minimal overall CGPA of B+

Students may receive advanced standing with transfer of up to 1.0 credit which can reduce their time to completion of the M.A.

**Admission**

The minimum requirement for admission into the Ph.D. program is a master's degree (or the equivalent) in sociology, normally with a minimum average of B+ in courses (including the thesis where applicable), and with no grade below B

Applicants who have deficiencies in certain areas may be admitted to the Ph.D. program, but will normally be required to complete additional course work.