

Sociology

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M.A. Sociology

Academic 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.

Admission Requirements

The requirement for admission into the master's program is a B.A.(Honours) (or the 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.

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:

M.A. Sociology - Thesis program (5.0 credits)

1. 3.0 credits in courses. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level. 3.0

The following courses are highly recommended, especially for students who at the time of registration have not decided on a thesis topic:

SOCI 5005 [0.5]	Recurring Debates in Social Thought	
SOCI 5809 [0.5]	The Logic of the Research Process	
2. 2.0 credits in	a Thesis	2.0
3. An oral examination on the candidate's thesis and program		
Total Credits		5.0

M.A. Sociology - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)

1. 4.0 credits in courses. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level. 4.0

The following course is highly recommended, especially for students who at the time of initial registration have not decided on a research topic:

SOCI 5809 [0.5]	The Logic of the Research Process	
2. 1.0 credit in	a research essay.	1.0
3. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program		
Total Credits		5.0

M.A. Sociology - Course Work Program (5.0 credits)

1. 5.0 credits in courses. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level. 5.0

Total Credits **5.0**

M.A. Sociology with Concentration in Quantitative Methodology

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:

M.A. Sociology with Concentration in Quantitative Methodology - Thesis program (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:		1.0
SOCI 5005 [0.5]	Recurring Debates in Social Thought	
SOCI 5809 [0.5]	The Logic of the Research Process	
2. 1.0 credit from:		1.0
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)	1.0
4. 2.0 credits in a thesis	2.0
5. An oral examination on the candidate's thesis and program	
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Sociology with Concentration in Quantitative Methodology - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
SOCI 5005 [0.5] Recurring Debates in Social Thought	
SOCI 5809 [0.5] The Logic of the Research Process	
2. 1.0 credit from:	1.0
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)	2.0
4. 1.0 credit in a research essay	1.0
5. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program	0.0
Total Credits	5.0

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 placement 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. The conditions of the placement are arranged with the student's supervisor and the graduate coordinator. Grades for the cooperative education placement are assigned in consultation between the placement supervisor and the graduate coordinator. Placements can be held for up to two academic terms and count for 1.0 credit.

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in African Studies

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in African Studies - Thesis program (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives	
2. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies	
3. 2.5 credits in courses. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level. The following courses are highly recommended, especially for students who at the time of registration have not decided on a thesis topic: SOCI 5005, SOCI 5809	2.5
4. 2.0 credits in:	2.0
SOCI 5909 [2.0] M.A. Thesis	
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in African Studies - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives	
2. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies	
3. 3.5 credits in courses. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level. SOCI 5809 is highly recommended, especially for students who at time of initial registration have not decided on a research topic.	3.5
4. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
SOCI 5908 [1.0] M.A. Research Essay	
5. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program.	
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in African Studies - Coursework program (5.0 credits)

1. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
AFRI 5000 [0.5] African Studies as a Discipline: Historical and Current Perspectives	
2. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
AFRI 5800 [0.0] Scholarly Preparation in African Studies	
3. 1.0 credit in courses designated as having sufficient African Studies content, including at least 0.5 credit from SOCI 5404, ANTH 5109, ANTH 5202, ANTH 5209, ANTH 5809, or a Sociology or Anthropology course approved by the Graduate Coordinator of the Institute of African Studies.	1.0
4. 3.5 credits in courses excluding SOCI 5905. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level.	3.5
Total Credits	5.0

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in Digital Humanities

M.A. Sociology with Specialization in Digital Humanities - Research Essay program (5.0 credits)

1. 3.0 credits. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those at the senior undergraduate level. SOCI 5809 is high recommended, especially for students who at the time of initial registration have not decided on a research topic.	3.0
2. 1.0 credit in a research essay equivalent	1.0
3. An oral examination on the candidate's research essay and program	
4. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities	
5. 0.5 credit in DIGH (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or annually listed DIGH course)	0.5
6. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development	
Total Credits	5.0

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

1. 2.0 credits. Under certain circumstances one of the courses may be selected from those offered at the senior undergraduate level. SOCI 5005 and SOCI 5809 are highly recommended, especially for students who at the time of registration have not decided on a thesis topic.	2.0
2. 2.0 credits in a thesis	2.0
3. An oral examination on the candidate's thesis and program	
4. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
DIGH 5000 [0.5] Issues in the Digital Humanities	
5. 0.5 credit in DIGH (DIGH 5011, DIGH 5012, or annually listed DIGH course)	0.5
6. 0.0 credit in:	0.0
DIGH 5800 [0.0] Digital Humanities: Professional Development	
Total Credits	5.0

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.

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:

- be registered in the Sociology M.A. Concentration in Quantitative Methodology stream;
- 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;
- be registered full-time in each academic term prior to work term;
- 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. (<http://calendar.carleton.ca/grad/regulations>).

Ph.D. Sociology

Academic 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.

Admission Requirements

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.

Program Requirements

Ph.D. Sociology (10.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
SOCI 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar	
2. 7.0 credits in:	7.0
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	2.0
6. An oral defence of the thesis	
Total Credits	10.0

Ph.D. Sociology with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:	1.0
SOCI 6000 [1.0] Doctoral Seminar	
2. 7.0 credits in:	7.0
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:	0.5
PECO 6000 [0.5] Political Economy: Core Concepts	
6. 0.5 credit in:	0.5
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	1.0
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.

SOCI 5000 [0.5 credit]

Classical Sociological Theory

Crucial sociological concepts and ideas by the founders of sociology. Attention will be given to Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Pareto, Comte, and Husserl.

SOCI 5001 [0.5 credit]

Selected Topics in Classical Theory

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5002 [0.5 credit]

Contemporary Sociological Theory

Major theoretical perspectives in sociology, including social behaviourism; social action theories such as symbolic interactionism, phenomenological sociology, ethnomethodology; and structuralist theories such as structural functionalism, neo-Marxism and critical theory.

SOCI 5003 [0.5 credit]

Selected Topics in Contemporary Theory

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5005 [0.5 credit]

Recurring Debates in Social Thought

Recurring issues and debates in the discipline. Topics such as the nature of social science; the objective world versus social construction; questions of evidence, meaning and measurement; agency versus structure; the relation between research and praxis; knowledge and power, may be considered.

Prerequisite(s): restricted to M.A. students in sociology.

Others may be admitted by permission of the Department.

SOCI 5007 [0.5 credit]

Social Change and Economic Development

Critical examination of studies of change and development in historical and contemporary national and transnational systems.

SOCI 5102 [0.5 credit]

Multiple Regression Analysis

An in-depth study of multiple regression analysis and its application in social science research. Interpretation and communication of the results are emphasized. The course provides an overview of descriptive and inferential statistics. Students learn how to use STATA/SAS to analyze social survey data.

SOCI 5104 [0.5 credit]**Advanced Multivariate Analysis**

Commonly-used advanced statistical techniques. Topics may include factor analysis, multinomial logistic regression analysis, event history analysis, analysis of covariance, multilevel models and structural equation modeling. STATA/SAS is used in addition to specialized statistical software.

SOCI 5105 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Social Research**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5106 [0.5 credit]**Research Design and Data Analysis**

An integrated approach to the problems involved in the analysis of quantitative data, research design and procedures.

SOCI 5201 [0.5 credit]**Comparative Methods in Social Research**

Current analytical problems and applications of comparative methods in social research. Students are expected to participate in a group research project in which one or more of these methods will be applied.

SOCI 5204 [0.5 credit]**Consuming Passions: The Regulation of Consumption, Appearance and Sexuality**

Examination of the rise of consumption and private pleasures and their regulation and self-regulation. Also listed as LAWS 5008.

SOCI 5205 [1.0 credit]**Canadian Society**

A critical examination of sociological models of modern societies and their relevance to Canada.

SOCI 5206 [0.5 credit]**Sociology of Occupations and Professions**

A consideration of the development of occupational recruitment patterns and manpower problems in developed and developing areas.

SOCI 5207 [0.5 credit]**Sociology of Formal Organizations**

A consideration of the forms and processes of bureaucracy in modern society, government and industry.

SOCI 5209 [0.5 credit]**Sociology of Science and Technology**

Study of the interaction among science, technology and change in modern societies.

SOCI 5303 [0.5 credit]**Sociology of Education**

The relations between education and other social institutions, the structure of educational opportunity, educational systems and organizations, and the sociology of learning.

SOCI 5305 [0.5 credit]**Police and Capital**

The idea of 'police' as a general historical project aimed at the fabrication of social order and the development of liberal philosophy, political economy and security. Contemporary public and private security provision considered in light of commodification, class conflict, and risk thinking.

Also listed as LAWS 5306.

SOCI 5306 [0.5 credit]**Cultural Studies**

The relations between cultural practices and other social practices in definite social formations. Discussions are grounded through the choice of specific Canadian research on topics such as media, art, music, education, pedagogy, etc.

SOCI 5308 [0.5 credit]**Feminist Analyses**

Current theory and research in recent feminist analysis.

SOCI 5309 [0.5 credit]**Cultural Theory**

A survey of developments in European and North American Marxist and Post-Marxist cultural theories of the past quarter century.

SOCI 5400 [0.5 credit]**Political Sociology**

An examination of theoretical and empirical work on selected aspects of the state, politics and political behaviour, primarily in North America and Europe.

SOCI 5403 [0.5 credit]**The Sociology of Solidarity**

The possibilities and practices of solidarity raise core questions about how we understand the social, the other and how we can live together. The course explores these questions in inter-personal, community and global contexts.

SOCI 5404 [0.5 credit]**Race, Ethnicity and Class in Contemporary Societies**

Various theoretical approaches concerning the persistence and re-emergence of ethnic and/or racial groups are examined. Particular emphasis is given to the intersection and overlap of ethnicity and race with social class.

SOCI 5405 [0.5 credit]**Power and Stratification**

An examination of theories of elite behaviour, social class, and ideology.

SOCI 5406 [0.5 credit]**Citizenship and Globalization**

Examination of debates about the changing nature of citizenship in the context of globalization of capital, culture and peoples. Employing post-Marshallian, political economic, post-structuralist, post-colonial and feminist perspectives, the seminar explores the emergence of market-driven, hierarchical and cosmopolitan notions of citizenship and transnational identities.

SOCI 5407 [0.5 credit]**Governmentality and Politics**

Examination of Foucault's concept of governmentality and work which has developed this idea, especially the relevance of governmentality for global political studies. Topics may include: sovereignty, biopolitics, technopolitics, neoliberalism and citizenship. Also listed as PSCI 5303.

Also offered at the undergraduate level, with different requirements, as PSCI 4303, for which additional credit is precluded.

SOCI 5408 [0.5 credit]**Feminism and Materialism**

Recent developments of feminist materialist theory and analyses. Topics may include: the gender division of labour; family and economy; gender and class; gender, race and ethnicity; sexuality; reproduction; theory and politics.

SOCI 5409 [0.5 credit]**The Politics of Social Movements and the State**

Origins, ideologies, strategies and political implications of social and popular movements in North America and Western Europe. Attention is given to the peace, feminist, gay, ecology, and anti-racist movements, and the emergence of the New Right.

SOCI 5501 [0.5 credit]**Phenomenology for Anthropologists and Sociologists**

This seminar builds theoretical and methodological bridges between phenomenology and anthropology/sociology. Students read key texts from, among others, Husserl, Heidegger, Merleau-Ponty, Plessner, Schultz, and Waldenfels and learn to apply concepts in research. Topics include body and senses, intersubjectivity and life-world, selfhood and otherness.

Also listed as ANTH 5501.

Seminar

SOCI 5504 [0.5 credit]**Selected Problems in Political Economy I**

A selected topic from current research in political economy. As the topic varies from year to year, students should check with the Department regarding the current offering.

Also listed as PECO 5501, PSCI 5501.

SOCI 5505 [0.5 credit]**Selected Problems in Political Economy II**

A selected topic from current research in political economy. As the topic varies from year to year, students should check with the Department regarding the current offering.

Also listed as PECO 5502, PSCI 5502.

SOCI 5600 [0.5 credit]**Critical Discourse Analysis**

Examination of the relations between discourse, social semiotics, extradiscursive semiotics and social organization.

SOCI 5605 [0.5 credit]**Demographic Analysis**

Examination of classical debates and contemporary demographic issues such as low fertility, population aging and migration policies. Introduction to the concepts, tools and techniques that demographers use; focus on empirical demographic research.

SOCI 5606 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Sociology**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5607 [0.5 credit]**Contemporary Theories of Crime and Social Regulation**

Recent developments in theories of criminality and social regulation. Particular reference will be made to the regulatory mechanisms of both public and private spheres within legal institutions, corrections, economic institutions, and the family.

SOCI 5707 [0.5 credit]**Crime, Social Control and Social Change**

An examination of the role of the discourses and ideologies surrounding crime, criminal processes, and social change. Topics may include such issues as juvenile justice, victimization, corporate crime, criminalization of indigenous peoples, substance use and abuse.

SOCI 5802 [0.5 credit]**Departmental Seminar**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5803 [0.5 credit]**Critical Theory**

Recent developments in critical theory based upon its initial formulation by the Frankfurt School, with emphasis upon particular contemporary theories in a given year, e.g., J. Habermas, H. Willems, etc.

SOCI 5804 [0.5 credit]**Modern Marxist Theory**

An examination of topics of theory and research in modern Marxist literature; the central focus is on problems of class analysis, the state, and politics in advanced capitalist societies.

SOCI 5805 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Sociology**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5806 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Sociology**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 5809 [0.5 credit]**The Logic of the Research Process**

An examination of the research process, including the phases of conceptualization, choice of indicators, sampling, data collection, and analysis. Published articles will be studied as exemplars of the range of possible research strategies.

SOCI 5900 [0.5 credit]**Tutorial****SOCI 5908 [1.0 credit]****M.A. Research Essay**

Students may enrol in this course for a maximum of three consecutive terms of study, including one summer term. Students must enrol in this course not later than the beginning of the second full year of study.

SOCI 5909 [2.0 credits]**M.A. Thesis****SOCI 5913 [0.0 credit]****Co-operative Work Term**

Prerequisite(s): registration in the Sociology Master of Arts Cooperative Education program.

SOCI 6000 [1.0 credit]**Doctoral Seminar**

An in-depth study of current research in sociology, including an inquiry into research techniques, conceptualization and attendant theoretical issues. This course is required of all first-year doctoral students in sociology.

SOCI 6001 [0.5 credit]**Selected Topics in Sociology**

Topic varies from year to year. Students should check with the Department regarding the topic offered.

SOCI 6900 [0.5 credit]**Tutorial****SOCI 6909 [7.0 credits]****Ph.D. Thesis**