

# SOCIOLOGY, MS

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement 30 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 16 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement 15 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement (50%) Requirement policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.25 GPA required (3.00 in the first semester)

**Other Grade Requirements** Students must earn a BC or above in all required courses. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.

**Assessments and Examinations** Master's students write a thesis under the supervision of their major professor. After completing the thesis, students take a comprehensive oral exam covering general sociology, graduate work to date, and the thesis.

Occasionally students decide not to continue pursuit of the PhD and opt to complete the requirements for a non-thesis master's degree. In these rare cases, students complete course requirements and take the comprehensive oral exam.

**Language Requirements** No language requirements.

### REQUIRED COURSES

The Departments of Sociology and Community & Environmental Sociology have one graduate program, and we admit only those students who intend to complete a PhD. Students admitted to the doctoral program earn a master's degree en route to the PhD. They complete the courses listed below and also write and defend a thesis. Students who earned a master's degree that included a thesis before entering the program may apply the work to the thesis requirement.

#### Master's Degree Course Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
SOC 700	Introductory Proseminar for Graduate Students	1
SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II	4
SOC 754	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 773	Intermediate Classical Theory	3
<b>Additional credits</b>		<b>19</b>

Additional credits should be selected from SOC/CE SOC courses and seminars restricted to graduate students (typically these courses are numbered 700-984). These additional credits may include no more than 9 credits numbered 985 and above (e.g., working group courses, independent reading courses, and thesis credits).

**Those students affiliated with the multi-disciplinary Center for Demography Ecology and Center for Demography of Health Aging must complete these courses toward the Methods requirement:**

SOC 674	Demographic Techniques I	3
SOC 756	Demographic Techniques II	3

Each semester, throughout the graduate program, CDE/CDHA students must also enroll in:

SOC/C&E SOC 995	Research: Methodology Trainees	1-3
SOC/C&E SOC 997	Research: Demography and Ecology Trainees	1-3

**Total Credits 30**