

SOCIOLOGY, M.S.

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 are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

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

Requirements Detail	
Minimum Credit Requirement	30 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	16 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	Half of degree coursework (15 credits out of 30 total credits) must be completed graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide (https://registrar.wisc.edu/course-guide/)).
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 pursue the Ph.D. 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

30 credits of graduate work in Sociology and/or Community & Environmental Sociology

• The 30 credits may include no more than 9 credits numbered 985 and above (e.g., working group courses, independent reading courses, and thesis credits).

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOC 700	Introductory Proseminar for Graduate Students	1
SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II	4
SOC 773	Intermediate Classical Theory	3
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 735	Ethnomethodology & Conversation Analysis	
SOC/C&E SOC 750	Research Methods in Sociology	
SOC 751	Survey Methods for Social Research	
SOC 753	Comparative and Historical Methods in Sociology	
SOC 754	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology	
SOC 756	Demographic Techniques II	
Additional credits		9
Additional credits are selected from courses and seminars restricted to graduate students (typically these courses are numbered 700-984).		
Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging-Affiliated Student Requirements		
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