

SOCIOLOGY, PHD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), 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	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	26 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (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.

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 PhD students must pass two written preliminary exams in two different sociology subfields as well as an oral prelim. They then write a dissertation under the supervision of their major professor. After completing the dissertation, students take a final oral exam covering the dissertation and the general field of the major and minor studies.

Language Requirements No language requirements.

Graduate School Breadth Requirement All doctoral students are required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate. Refer to the Graduate School: Breadth Requirement in Doctoral Training policy: <https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1200/>).

- Option A, external: a minimum of nine graduate credits in one department or program (either single disciplinary or multi-disciplinary) outside of both Sociology and C&E Sociology.
- Option B, distributed: a minimum of nine graduate credits in two or more departments outside of both Sociology and C&E Sociology. The courses must be thematically unified and thus form a coherent topic. The nine credits for the Option B Minor may include one (but no more than one) course cross-listed with Sociology or C&E Sociology, but no courses may be taught by either Sociology or C&E Sociology professors.
- Option C, certificate: completion of a graduate/professional certificate in a program outside of Sociology and C&E Sociology. Certificate programs coordinate teaching and research among scholars active in interrelated disciplines, and they typically require 9-12 credits.

REQUIRED COURSES

All required courses except for SOC 700 Introductory Proseminar for Graduate Students, which is a credit/no credit course, must be taken for an A-F letter grade.

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
Students must complete the following courses.		
SOC 700	Introductory Proseminar for Graduate Students	1
SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II	4
SOC 362	Statistics for Sociologists III	4
SOC/C&E SOC 750	Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 754	Qualitative Research Methods in Sociology	3
SOC 773	Intermediate Classical Theory	3
Seminars (Must be taken for 3 credits to count towards requirement) ¹		12
<i>Affiliation with Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging</i>		

Students affiliated with the Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging must complete the following courses.

SOC/ C&E SOC 971	Seminar-Topics in Demography and Ecology (Seminars in Population & Society I)
SOC/ C&E SOC 971	Seminar-Topics in Demography and Ecology (Any special topic in demography)

Breadth	minimum 9 credits
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Additional Credits

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

Research

Students must take 3 credits once they reach dissertator status.

C&E SOC 990	Research
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Affiliation with Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging

Students must take 1 credit in each of the following courses once in dissertator status.

SOC/ C&E SOC 995	Research: Methodology Trainees (Enroll in each semester through program)
C&E SOC 990	Research
C&E SOC/ SOC 997	Research: Demography and Ecology Trainees (Enroll in each semester through program)

Total Credits	Minimum of 51
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¹ Typically, these courses are numbered 900 to 979. These courses may or may not contain the word "Seminar" in the title. Working group courses (for example, those numbered 980 to 995) do **not** satisfy this requirement.