

SOCIOLOGY - M.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Sociology and Criminology

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About This Program

The Master of Arts degree in Sociology is designed to prepare students for doctoral study in sociology and for careers in a variety of professions and industries, including, but not limited to, government, research companies and non-profit organizations.

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• Connect with an Admissions Counselor: U.S. Student | International Student

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Social science research assistants

- 5.8% faster than the average
- 40,100 number of jobs
- \$49,210 potential earnings

Sociologists

- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 3,200 number of jobs
- \$86,110 potential earnings

Sociology teachers, postsecondary

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 17,000 number of jobs
- \$75,610 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

For more information about graduate admissions, visit the graduate admission website. For more information on international admissions, visit the international admission website.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university¹
- Minimum 2.750 GPA on a 4.000-point scale
- Official transcripts
- GRE scores (taken within the last five years) (*starting with the fall 2026 admission term, the GRE is no longer required*)
- Goal statement (1-2 pages), describing current academic interests, research interests, long-range career goals, and how admission will facilitate the achievement of these goals
- Three letters of recommendation from current/former professors who can adequately evaluate the applicant's past work and potential
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions to waive) by earning one of the following:²
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL iBT score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score
 - Minimum 120 DET score

¹ Applications for admission are accepted from those who will have a completed bachelor's degree upon starting the program.

² International applicants who do not meet the above test scores will not be considered for admission.

Application Deadlines

- **Fall Semester**
 - Priority deadline: December 1

All application materials (including applicable fee, transcripts, recommendation letters, etc.) submitted by this deadline will receive the strongest consideration for admission.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
SOC 62002	PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN SOCIOLOGY	3
SOC 62100	EARLY SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY	3
SOC 62211	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN SOCIOLOGY	4
SOC 62217	MULTIVARIATE TECHNIQUES IN SOCIOLOGY	4
Advisor-Approved Electives ¹		10
<i>Culminating Requirement</i>		
SOC 62199	THESIS I	6
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		30

¹ No more than 6 credit hours of SOC 62896 and/or SOC 62898 may be applied toward the degree as elective credits. No more than 3 credit hours of 50000-level coursework may be applied toward the degree as elective credit.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
-	3.000

- No more than one-half of a graduate student's coursework may be taken in 50000-level courses.
- Grades below C are not counted toward completion of requirements for the degree.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of professional and ethical issues and duties in the discipline of sociology.
2. Demonstrate a practical understanding of early/classical sociological theory by using it to better understand social phenomena and human behavior; and develop new theoretical arguments and pose and attempt to answer research questions.
3. Demonstrate a practical understanding of research methods in sociology.
4. Demonstrate a practical understanding of multivariate statistics in application to social research.
5. Demonstrate the ability to carry out original research through the successful completion of a thesis project.