

# GRADUATE STUDENT CORE REQUIREMENTS IN SOCIOLOGY

-Ph.D. Sociology  
-M.S. Sociology

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

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# COURSE & HOUR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

## M.S. Sociology, Thesis Option

The Master's Degree with thesis requires a minimum of 31 hours of course work. At least 15 hours, excluding thesis and individual research hours, must be at the graduate 5000-level or higher.

- Proseminar—1 hour
- Sociological Theory—3 hours
- Social Research Methods—6 hours
- Statistics—3 hours (must be SOC 5263 or equivalent)
- Additional Sociology Courses—12 hours
- Master's Thesis—6 hours

## M.S. Sociology, Non-Thesis Option

The Master's Degree non-thesis option requires a minimum of 32 hours of course work. At least 22 hours must be at the graduate 5000-level or higher. The specific requirements are listed below. For a list of the course options available in each of the categories listed below, please see the attached "Basic Core Requirements" sheet. Students on the non-thesis track will complete a creative component project as designated by each student's graduate committee. Students on the non-thesis track will be given low priority for department funding. In addition, students on this track will not be considered for the Ph.D. program in Sociology at Oklahoma State University.

- Proseminar—1 hour
- Sociological Theory—3 hours
- Social Research Methods—6 hours
- Statistics—3 hours (must be SOC 5263 or equivalent)
- Creative Component—3 hours (SOC 5013) Additional
- Sociology Courses—16 hours

## Ph.D. Sociology

The Doctoral Degree requires a minimum of 91-semester hours credit beyond the baccalaureate degree, or 60-semester hours credit beyond the master's degree. At least 30 hours, excluding thesis and individual research course hours, must be earned from course work at the 5000-level or higher.

- Proseminar—1 hour
- Sociological Theory—6 hours at 5000 or 6000-level
- Research Methods/Statistics — 15 hours as outlined in basic core requirements
- Two Comprehensive Areas—12 hours total at 5000 or 6000-level (6 hours or more in departmental seminars in each of two selected comprehensive areas)
- Electives— 8-11 hours
- Doctoral Thesis— 15-18 hours (minimum 15)

# CORE & COMPREHENSIVE AREA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled full-time are advised to complete at least the required courses for methods, statistics, and theory in their first year of study.

## METHODS/ STATISTICS

Dr. Fullerton—Chair

Ph.D.—15 hrs

M.S.—9 hours

### Required Courses for M.S. & Ph.D.:

- SOC 5243—Soc. Research Design & Analysis
- SOC 5263—Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- SOC 5273—Qualitative Research Methods

### Additional Courses for Ph.D.

#### Students:

- SOC 5950 (Categorical Data Analysis)  
Prerequisite: SOC 5263.
- One Advanced quantitative or qualitative methods course (See the two lists of courses below).

Pre-requisites: Quantitative—SOC5263.

Prerequisites: Qualitative—SOC5273.

#### Advanced Quantitative Methods

**Courses:** HDFS 6153, PSYC 6913 or SOC 5950 (Multilevel Analysis); HDFS 6143 or SOC 5950 (Structural Equation Modeling); SOC 5950 (Longitudinal Data Analysis); PSYC 6813 or STAT 5063 (Multivariate Analysis).

#### Advanced Qualitative Methods Courses:

SCFD 6193 or SOC 5283 (Advanced Qualitative).

## THEORY

Dr. Whitham—Chair

Ph.D.—6 hours

M.S.—3 hours

### Required Courses:

- SOC 5113—Classical Sociological
- Theory SOC 5123—Contemporary Sociological Theory

## PROSEMINAR

Dr. Mix —Chair

Ph.D.—1 hour

M.S.—1 hour

### Required Course:

- SOC 5001—Graduate Proseminar

# COMPREHENSIVE AREA COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Ph.D. students are required to complete at least 3 hours of coursework in a comprehensive area before writing their exam in that area.
- ◆ With permission of both the student's advisor and the comprehensive area committee, *SOC 5990-Independent Study* (up to 9 hours) can substitute for required or additional courses.
- ◆ Only one 4000-level course may be taken for graduate credit with permission of the student's advisor. A "G" following the section number indicates a 4000-level course approved for graduate credit.

## Criminology & Deviance

Dr. Liang—Chair                      Ph.D.—6 hours

**Choose courses from the list below:**

- SOC 6753—Seminar in Deviance & Criminology
- SOC 5343—Sociology of Law & Punishment
- SOC 5573—Seminar on Victimology
- SOC 5583—Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- SOC5593—Seminar on Organization & Administration in Law Enforcement & Society
- SOC 5793—Seminar in Organizational Deviance

## Environmental Sociology

Dr. Gill—Chair                              Ph.D.—6 hours

**Choose courses from the list below:**

- SOC 5463—Seminar in Environmental Sociology
- SOC 5333—Global Population & Social Problems
- SOC 5473—Seminar on the Contemporary Environmental Movement
- SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- SOC 6460—Advanced Studies in Environmental Sociology
- SOC 6463—International Issues in Environmental Sociology
- SOC 6493—Sociology of Disaster

## Social Inequality

Dr. McLaughlin—Chair      Ph.D.—6 hours

**Choose courses from the list below:**

- SOC 5063—Seminar in Social Inequality & Stratification
- SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- SOC 5663—American Pluralism: Race & Ethnicity in American Life
- SOC 5950—Sociology of Gender
- SOC 6493—Sociology of Disaster
- ANTH 5243—Globalization & Culture

## Social Movements

Dr. Mix—Chair      Ph.D.—6 hours

**Choose courses from the list below:**

- SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- SOC 5473—Seminar on the Contemporary Environmental Movements
- SOC 5493—Seminar in Environmental Justice
- SOC 5950—Advanced Studies in Social Movements
- SOC 5990—Advanced Topics in Sociology

## Social Psychology

Dr. Whitham—Chair      Ph.D.—6 hours

**Choose courses from the list below:**

- SOC 6653—Seminar in Social Psychology
- SOC 6853—Seminar in Symbolic Interactionism
- SOC 5323—Seminar on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- SOC 6213—Theory of Social Structure