

# Courses for Graduate Students

Below is a summary of required and elective courses. For updated information, see the course catalog or student administrative system.

*Please be advised that this summary is not all exhaustive and is subject to change. Stop by the Sociology Office for questions.*

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## Undergraduate Statistics

SOCI 3211Q. Quantitative Methods in Social Research

*For students who have not taken an undergraduate statistics course or feel that the statistical skills they gained in such a class are rusty should take our undergraduate statistics course SOCI 3211Q in their first semester in the program. This course does not count towards the financial aid review of your GPA.*

## Required Courses:

Here is a list of the eight required courses which all students must take to complete the Ph.D. degree. We recommend that students entering the program without the M.A. complete these courses in the first two years in the program.

*SOCI 5001. Proseminar. (Fall and Spring semesters).*

Required of all M.A. candidates in the first year of study. Covers issues of successful graduate education and professionalization, including transitioning from the role of student to scholar; mentoring; networking; choosing thesis topics; presenting papers at conferences; getting papers published; getting grants; and developing vitae.

*SOCI 5201. The Logic of Social Research. (Fall semester).*

Required of all M.A. candidates in the first year of study. Covers the logic of how to frame and design social research. Topics include the link between theory and method, selection of a research topic, inductive versus deductive reasoning, causality (including research designs for identifying causal relations) and causal errors, conceptualization, operationalization, levels of analysis, measurement, reliability and validity, sampling, using mixed methods, research ethics, and the politics of social research.

*SOCI 5251. Core Theorists. (Fall semester).*

An examination of the original writings of the major figures in sociological theory: Durkheim, Marx, Weber, and Simmel. The course focuses upon the theories of these major figures, their relations with contemporaries, their interconnections, and their influence upon subsequent theory and theory groupings.

*SOCI 6251. Current Theory and Research.*

*Prerequisite: SOCI 5251. (Spring semester).*

An examination of current theories. Topics include: consideration of their continuities with classical theories, conceptual and measurement problems in testing and constructing current theories, and the interplay between theory and research.

*SOCI 5203. Quantitative Research I.*

*Prerequisites: SOCI 3211Q or its equivalent and SOCI 5201. (Spring semester).*

Required of all M.A. candidates in the first year of study. Introduction to quantitative methods of social research. Topics include linear regression, including ANOVA and ANCOVA; hypothesis testing and model selection; regression diagnostics; non-linearity and functional form; path analysis; and factor analysis.

*SOCI 6203. Quantitative Research II. (Fall semester).*

Advanced quantitative methods of social research. Topics include generalized linear models, including binary logit and probit, multinomial logit, ordered logit and probit, and count data; censoring, truncation, and sample selection; panel data; and correlated errors.

*SOCI 5231. Qualitative Research I. (Fall semester).*

*Open to masters' and doctoral students in Sociology, others with permission.*

Introduction to qualitative methods of social research. Topics include epistemologies of qualitative methodologies; ethical issues in qualitative research; the Chicago School; symbolic interactionism and grounded theory; introduction to fieldwork; basic fieldwork techniques; inter viewing; narrative analysis; textual analysis; data analysis; content analysis using computers; and writing analyses of data.

*SOCI 6231. Qualitative Research II. (Spring semester).*

Advanced topics in qualitative methods of social research. Topics include contemporary debates in qualitative methodology; critical perspectives on qualitative methodology; feminist research; the case method; extended case method; Third World and postcolonial approaches to social research; analyzing and reanalyzing field data; applied and evaluation research; participatory and activist research.

**Elective Courses: Here is a list of elective courses which have been offered in recent years and are likely to be offered in the future.**

SOCI 5205	Topics in Quantitative Methods
SOCI 5235	Topics in Qualitative Methods
SOCI 5275	Topics in Culture
SOCI 5351	Seminar on Society and the Individual
SOCI 5401	Analysis of Social Organization
SOCI 5411	Sociology of Work
SOCI 5421	Seminar in Social Stratification
SOCI 5425	Topics in Stratification and Inequality
SOCI 5501	Racism
SOCI 5505	Topics in Racism and Ethnic Group Relations
SOCI 5515	Sociology of Immigration
SOCI 5601	Gender and Society (may be repeated with a change in content)
SOCI 5605	Topics in Gender and Sexualities
SOCI 5612	Feminist Theory and Social Science
SOCI 5701	Urban Sociology
SOCI 5703	The Metropolitan Community
SOCI 5705	The Community
SOCI 5751	Demography
SOCI 5801	Political Sociology
SOCI 5805	Topics in Political Sociology
SOCI 5806	Seminar in Theories of the State
SOCI 5809	Inequality and the Welfare State
SOCI 5821	Social Movements
SOCI 5829	Social Change
SOCI 5831	Law and Society
SOCI 5833	Gender, Politics and the State
SOCI 5895	Investigation of Special Topics
SOCI 5899	Independent Study for Graduate Students
SOCI 6005	Advanced Topics in Sociology
SOCI 6205	Advanced Topics in Quantitative Methods
SOCI 6255	Advanced Topics in Qualitative Methods
SOCI 6265	Advanced Topics in Sociological Theory
SOCI 6275	Advanced Topics in Culture
SOCI 6425	Advanced Topics in Stratification and Inequality
SOCI 6505	Advanced Topics in Racism and Ethnic Group Relations
SOCI 6605	Advanced Topics in Gender and Sexualities
SOCI 6805	Advanced Topics in Political Sociology