

Sociology Graduate Course Planning, 2016 - 2017

The time table is a suggested plan that may vary and is based on Full-time status.

NAME: _____

ENTRY DATE: _____

REQUIRED Core Courses (15 hours)	
	SOCY 5151: Proseminar (3)
	SOCY 6651: Social Theory (3)
	SOCY 6652: Issues in Social Research (3)
	GRAD 6100: Basic Statistics & Probability (3)
	GRAD 6101: Linear Regression (3)

SOCY Elective & Tutorial Courses (at least 14 hours)	
	: _____ (3)
	: _____ (3)
SOCY	: _____ (3)
SOCY	: _____ (3)
SOCY	: _____ (2/3)

Thesis/Practicum (6 hours)	
	SOCY: _____ (3)
	SOCY: _____ (3)

ELECTIVE COURSES

At least 50% of the required credit hours for the M.A. degree must be at the 6000 level or above. Students may not count 4000-level or lower courses toward the M.A.

Required undergraduate courses may not be used for graduate credit, even when enrolled at the 5000 level.

Students also may take up to **two** 5000-, 6000- or 8000- level courses in other departments (subject to approval by the Graduate Director), and are encouraged to do so where their areas of interest overlap with other programs (i.e., psychology, education, organizational science, public policy, history, geography).

Courses taught in other programs (e.g., Public Policy, Organizational Science) by Sociology faculty do not count as coursework outside of the department.

POSSIBLE RESEARCH METHODS ELECTIVES:

GRAD 6102 - Categorical Outcomes

GRAD 6103 – Classificatory Methods and Time Series

GRAD 6104 – Spatial Analysis

GRAD 6109 – TOPICS

SOCY 6136 – Qualitative Research Methods

SOCY 6617 – Data Utilization

SOCY 6630 – Investigation Health and Health Research

SOCY 6640 – Evaluation Research

SOCY 6090 (as appropriate and with permission of the Director of Graduate Studies)

*Students may take up to **five** elective credit hours in tutorials.*

Courses only count toward the degree if the student earned a “B” or better. Two C’s from courses taken inside or outside of the Department will result in a suspension from the program. Students wishing to re-enter the program must re-apply. Readmission is not guaranteed. The application must address causes of poor performance and an amelioration plan. Readmitted students must re-take any credits where they earned a C. Two additional C’s will result in permanent expulsion from the program.

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THESIS/PRACTICUM (6 hours)

TIME TABLE (subject to adjustment):

The M.A. program is designed so that students may finish in two years, although students taking courses part-time may take longer. Full-time coursework consists of 9 hours; maximum course load is 12 hours. The following provisional timetable may serve as a planning guide. It assumes that students begin their coursework in the Fall; students beginning in the Spring will have to make adjustments.

Year 1	Year 1
Fall	Spring
SOCY 5151 - Proseminar	SOCY 6652 - Social Research Methods
GRAD 6100 - Basic Statistics	GRAD 6101 - Linear Regression
SOCY 6651 - Social Theory	Elective or Tutorial
<i>Identify research interests</i>	<i>Identify thesis topic. Begin literature review</i>

During the summer, complete literature review for thesis and begin data collection

Year 2	Year 2
Fall	Spring
Elective	Elective or Tutorial
Elective or Tutorial	Elective, Practicum, or thesis hours
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<i>Topic Approval</i>	<i>Revise thesis; Oral defense</i>

TIME LIMITS

All requirements for the degree must be completed within 6 calendar years, beginning with the date the student commences courses carrying graduate credit applicable to the degree program.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

Upon successful completion of a minimum of 18 semester hours of graduate work and in no case later than four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which he/she expects to complete all requisites for the degree, a student should file for admission to candidacy on the form supplied by the Graduate School. This application is a check sheet approved by the student's advisor, department chairperson and college dean listing all course work to be offered for the degree (including transferred credit and courses in progress).