

Texas A&M University Sociology Graduate Program

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Sociology Graduate Program

- The Texas A&M Sociology Graduate Program has six main areas of concentration
 - Crime, Law and Deviance
 - Culture
 - Demography
 - Organizational, Political and Economic Sociology
 - Race, Class and Gender
 - Social Psychology

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Program options

- Students can enter with or without a Master's degree
 - The 96-credit hour program is designed for students who enter with a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree in some other field besides sociology
 - The 64-credit hour program is for graduate students who enter with a recent Master's degree in sociology



96-credit hour program, 5 years

1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year
<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SOCI 600 Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis or elective – SOCI 611 Classical Sociological Theory or elective – SOCI 623 Measurement of Sociological Parameters – SOCI 681 Professional Seminar in Sociology (zero-hour course) <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SOCI 615 Contemporary Sociological Theory or elective – SOCI 631 Seminar in Sociological Research (Quantitative) or elective – SOCI 681 Professional Seminar in Sociology (zero-hour course) – SOCI 691 Research Hours (work on Master's paper) <p>End of the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Select advisor and major – Start thinking about Master's paper 	<p>Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SOCI 624 Qualitative Methodology or – SOCI 604 Comparative Historical Methods – SOCI 680 Teaching Undergraduate Sociology (one-hour course) – One elective class – SOCI 691 Research Hours (in addition to the previous ones, according to course checklist) <p>End of the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Master's paper – Start submitting to conferences 	<p>Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Major courses – Minor courses <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preparation for preliminary exam – Conferences – Papers 	<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preliminary exam <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dissertation proposal <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Continue working on publications 	<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enter job market <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dissertation defense

More information about progress in the program, TA/RA performance, and professional activity on these [slides](#) and [Graduate Program Handbook](#).

64-credit hour program, 4 years

1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year
<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SOCI 600 Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis or elective – SOCI 611 Classical Sociological Theory or elective – SOCI 623 Measurement of Sociological Parameters – SOCI 681 Professional Seminar in Sociology (zero-hour course) <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SOCI 615 Contemporary Sociological Theory or elective – SOCI 631 Seminar in Sociological Research (Quantitative) or elective – SOCI 681 Professional Seminar in Sociology (zero-hour course) <p>End of the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Select advisor and major 	<p>Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – SOCI 624 Qualitative Methodology or – SOCI 604 Comparative Historical Methods – SOCI 680 Teaching Undergraduate Sociology (one-hour course) – Major courses – Minor courses <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preparation for preliminary exam – Conferences – Papers 	<p>Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Major courses – Minor courses <p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Preliminary exam <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dissertation proposal <p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Continue working on publications 	<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enter job market <p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dissertation defense

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Coursework overview

- Classical Sociological Theory (611)
- Contemporary Sociological Theory (615)
- Measurement of Sociological Parameters (623)
- Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis (600)
- Seminar in Sociological Research (Quantitative) (631)
- Qualitative Methodology (624) or Comparative Historical Methods (604)
- Teaching Undergraduate Sociology (680)
- Professional Seminar in Sociology (681)
- Directed Studies (685)
- Research Hours (691)
- Elective Courses
- **Three courses for a major and one course for a minor**

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Certificates

- In addition to regular coursework, our students often enroll in graduate certificates, such as
 - Advanced Research Methods
 - Africana Studies
 - Geographic Information Science (GIS)
 - Global Health
 - Latino/a and Mexican American Studies
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Women's and Gender Studies

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Affiliated research centers

- Race and Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI)
<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/resi/>
- Howard B. Kaplan Laboratory for Social Science Research (KLAMS)
<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/klams/>
- Texas Research Data Center (TXRDC)
<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/txrdc/>
- Stuart J. Hysom Social Psychology Laboratory
<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/social-psychology-lab/>



Placements

- Recent PhD graduates have landed jobs both in and out of academia, including
 - Leading universities
 - Universities serving minority populations
 - Research centers
 - State and federal agencies

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/graduate/placement-of-former-students/>



Funding

- Most students in the program receive funding support from a variety of sources over the course of their graduate training, such as
 - Department-assigned assistantships
 - Lecturing positions (for advanced students)
 - Faculty-assigned research assistantships
 - Assistantships with other departments on campus

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/graduate/funding/>



Application

- Information about application to the Texas A&M Sociology Graduate Program

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/graduate/application-and-admissions/>

- Deadline for applications
 - Early January
- Start of the program
 - Fall semester



Application checklist

1. Application fee
2. Online application
3. Cover letter (up to 2 pages)
4. Writing sample (up to 25 pages)
5. Personal statement (up to 2 pages)
6. Resume or Curriculum Vitae
7. Transcripts
8. Three letters of recommendations
9. Official GRE scores (optional)
10. Official TOEFL scores (international students only)



Videos and social media

- Videos

<https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/home-page/videos/>

- Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/TAMUSOCI>

- Instagram (focus on undergraduates)

<https://www.instagram.com/TAMUSOCI>

- Twitter

<https://twitter.com/TAMUSOC>

- YouTube

<https://youtube.com/@TAMUSOCI>





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