SOCIOLOGY

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Dept. Code: SOC

Graduate Program Overview
The Graduate Program in Sociology at the University of Miami is designed to equip students with the theoretical, methodological, and analytical tools required for research and teaching. The Graduate Program in Sociology is designed for students seeking the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology. The Master of Arts (M.A.) degree is earned during the first portion of the program. At the doctoral level, graduate students are encouraged to choose two concentrations from three substantive areas:

1. Criminology,
2. Race & Ethnic Relations, and
3. Medical Sociology.

Although the strengths of the department lie within these major programmatic fields, students may also develop a course of study that meets unique research interests and career objectives. Assistantships and Fellowships are awarded each academic year to cover tuition and living expenses.

For more details, consult the Guide to Graduate Study in Sociology available through the Sociology Department (www.as.miami.edu/sociology/).

Masters

Masters Program in Sociology

• M.A. in Sociology (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-ma)

Doctoral

Doctoral Program in Sociology

• Ph.D. in Sociology (http://bulletin.miami.edu/graduate-academic-programs/arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-phd)

Courses

GRADUATE COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

SOC 601. Classical Sociological Theory. 3 Credit Hours.
The focus of this course is the work of Comte, Durkheim, Marx, Weber, and Parsons, along with more recent perspectives such as symbolic interactionism, phenomenology, ethnomethodology, and critical theory.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 602. Contemporary Sociological Theory. 3 Credit Hours.
Recent developments in social theory, such as, for example, the work of Giddens, Habermas, Derrida, Bourdieu, Baudrillard, and Lyotard, along with important themes such as feminism, integration, the linguistic turn, habitus, (anti)foundationalism, and symbolic violence.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 603. Special Topic: Sociology Of Knowledge-Science And Technology. 3 Credit Hours.
To address the debates over the nature of social science and technology. In addition to the theoretical disputes, the applications, critiques, and politics of scientific inquiry and technology use will be the focus of attention.
Requisite: Graduate Status.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

SOC 604. Proseminar in Sociology. 1 Credit Hour.
Introduction to Sociology: the research process, departmental resources, and the graduate program.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

SOC 609. SOCIAL STATISTICS. 3 Credit Hours.
Probability theory, descriptive statistics and tests of independence.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 610. Advanced Research Methods. 3 Credit Hours.
Quantitative techniques for the measurement of theoretical constructs, the consequences of technique selection, and the relationships between method and underlying theory.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 611. Advanced Sociological Statistical Analysis I. 3 Credit Hours.
Multiple linear regression and regression diagnostics using Stata, analysis of categorical dependent variables, count dependent variables, simultaneous equations, and panel data models. Some topics may not be covered and others may be added at the discretion of the instructor.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

SOC 612. Sociological Statistics II. 3 Credit Hours.
Advanced statistical analysis techniques covering topics such as hierarchical linear models (HLM), structural equation models (SEM), instrumental variables (IV), factor analysis, propensity score matching (PSM), and nonparametric methods. Some topics may not be covered and others may be added at the discretion of the instructor.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
SOC 613. Qualitative Research Methods. 3 Credit Hours.
In-depth introduction to qualitative, inductive methods, with emphases on grounded theory and action research. Focus on qualitative interviewing (including focus groups) and participant observation for the collection of data in naturalistic social settings, with simultaneous data analysis; qualitative methods in mixed-methods research introduced. Covers ties between methods and theory, additional basic methods used in qualitative research, and typical analytic approaches; touch on more esoteric methods; study current issues and debates relevant to this set of approaches to generating knowledge.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 614. Evaluation Research. 3 Credit Hours.
Conceptualizing, designing, conducting, and interpreting the results of evaluation research programs in health and human service agencies.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 615. Class Structure and Social Stratification. 3 Credit Hours.
Theoretical and research approaches to class structure and social stratification, with a focus on the U.S. Examines the conflict perspective(s) and major alternative views including economic class, status and power, gender and race.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 616. Social Psychology: Sociological Perspectives. 3 Credit Hours.
Theories and research addressing the mutual influence between social groups and structures, on the one hand, and individual selves and behaviors, on the other. Balance emphasis between symbolic interactionist and structural approaches, with attention to additional related, yet distinct theoretical perspectives.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 617. Social Organization. 3 Credit Hours.
Examines theories of organization and work, discrimination, technology and job design, bureaucracy, productivity and organizational culture, responsible organizations, and alienation.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 620. Social Epidemiology. 3 Credit Hours.
Theories, issues and methods of study pertinent to health and illness in society. Social factors implicated in patterns of disease occurrence.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 622. Teaching Seminar in Sociology. 3 Credit Hours.
Pedagogical techniques for teaching Sociology at the college/university level.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

SOC 623. Social Psychology of Health and Illness. 3 Credit Hours.
Social and psychological factors affecting susceptibility to illness, health related beliefs and behaviors: the doctor-patient relationship: evaluation of health care systems and patient compliance.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 632. Social Psychology of Health and Illness. 3 Credit Hours.
Examination of health, illness, and health care from sociological perspectives. Includes social-structural, interpretive, and critical approaches, as various authors have used these to address specific issues. Phenomena to be examined range from macro (e.g. population patterns of mortality and morbidity, health care policy) to micro (e.g. the subjective experience of illness). Related theories and methodologies discussed. Focus varies somewhat by instructor and as issues emerge in the discipline.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 635. Medical Sociology: Issues in Research and Theory. 3 Credit Hours.
Diversity in health across the life course from broad sociological and cross-disciplinary theoretical traditions. Key questions in medical sociology will be addressed to discover the impact of the life course processes on the health or vitality of diverse individuals and diverse populations, with a focus on inequality and the elements of time and history.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 650. Social Analysis of Race Relations. 3 Credit Hours.
The impact of race relations research on the discipline of sociology.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 651. Race Relations: Social Psychological Perspectives. 3 Credit Hours.
Social psychological perspectives on the nature, causes, and consequences of racial inequality in American society.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 652. Theories of Race and Ethnic Relations. 3 Credit Hours.
Micro- and macro-level theories of race and ethnic relations.
Components: DIS.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 653. RACE, IDEOLOGY, AND FRAMING INEQUALITY. 3 Credit Hours.
Examines the various ideologies that have emerged on the limited states to describe and, at times, resist racial inequality.
Components: LEC.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
SOC 671. Seminar on Criminology. 3 Credit Hours.
Selected issues, topics, theories, and recent research in criminology.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 672. Research in Crime and Delinquency. 3 Credit Hours.
Measurement issues; effects of race, gender, age, and socio-economic status on criminality; extra-legal factors affecting criminal justice decision making.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 673. Theories of Criminology. 3 Credit Hours.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 675. Theories of Criminology. 3 Credit Hours.
Discussion of the research testing criminological theories, including measurement, methodological, and statistical issues.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 690. Directed Studies. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Individually supervised readings or research on special topics. Offered by arrangement with the instructor.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 691. Special Topics and Current Issues in Medical Sociology. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Seminar topics will be announced in schedule of classes.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 692. Special Topics and Current Issues in Criminology. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Seminar topics will be announced in schedule of classes.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 693. Special Topics and Current Issues in Race/Ethnic Relations. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Seminar topics will be announced in schedule of classes.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

SOC 820. Research in Residence. 1 Credit Hour.
Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master's degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in SOC 710 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

SOC 830. Pre-Candidacy Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Required of all candidates for the Ph.D. The student will enroll for credit as determined by his/her advisor, but for not less than a total of 12 hours. Up to 12 hours may be taken in a regular semester, but not more than six in a summer session.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

SOC 840. Post-Candidacy Doctoral Dissertation. 1-12 Credit Hours.
Required of all candidates for the Ph.D. who have advanced to candidacy. The student will enroll for credit as determined by his/her advisor, but not for less than a total of 12. Not more than 12 hours of SOC 740 may be taken in a regular semester, nor more than six in a summer session.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

SOC 850. Research in Residence. 1 Credit Hour.
Used to establish research in residence for the Ph.D. and D.A., after the student has been enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in appropriate doctoral research. Credit not granted. May be regarded as full-time residence as determined by the Dean of the Graduate School.
Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.