Several of the faculty focus on how power and inequality are rooted in historically contingent gender and class hierarchies and how these relationships are reproduced and contested in communities, corporations, educational systems, the environment, health care, labor markets, prisons, states, and workplaces.


Race, Class, and Gender: Faculty in the area of race, class, and gender are concerned with the various axes of social relations as well as their intersections. Our faculty investigate a wide variety of social phenomena associated with group relations in different national contexts. We employ various theoretical and methodological perspectives including ethnography, demography, comparative/historical analysis, and mixed methods. Subareas include Africana studies, Latin American studies, Latina/Latino studies, racism and anti-racism. Overall, we share a concern with how people experience inequality at the individual, group, and structural levels.


Social Psychology: Social psychology is an interdisciplinary field of research that emphasizes the interplay among individuals, interactions and macrostructures. Examples of the kinds of issues studied include how individuals’ associations and context create the impetus for certain life events; how violence might arise; how important characteristics of individuals and groups like gender, age, ethnicity and class structure interactions; how group interactions can increase or challenge inequality; and how social inequality influences mental health, crime, and deviance.

Faculty: Holly Foster, Heili Pals, Jane Sell.


Emeritus Faculty: Jon Alonso, Letitia Atton, James Burt, Ben Crouch, Barbara Finlay, Jerry Gaston, Kathryn Henderson, Dudley Poston, Albert Schaffer.

For more detail on the graduate areas of concentration and faculty research, see the Department of Sociology’s website: sociology.tamu.edu.
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dicates for careers in higher education and in the private and public sectors. The depart-

doctoral program at Texas A&M University–College Station provides the following:

• Academic advising
• Graduate assistantships and fellowships
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• Professional development workshops and seminars
• Opportunities to engage with faculty and peers in and outside the department

The program is designed for students who enter with a bachelor's degree and are interested in pursuing advanced degrees. Successful applicants typically have an A or high B aver-

The Master's Degree: Although our program is designed as a doctoral program, in rare cases we provide a thesis option. This option requires a minimum of 32 credit hours of work. In addition, students must write a re-

The program provides two options. The 64-hour option is for graduate students who enter with a master's degree. The 96-hour option is designed for students who enter with a bachelor's degree and are interested in pursuing a career in academia or industry. Successful applicants typically have an A or high B aver-

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