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

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<td>– SOCI 615 Contemporary Sociological Theory</td>
<td>– SOCI 691 Research Hours (at least 5 hours in addition to Master’s Paper Class)</td>
<td>– Preparation for preliminary exam</td>
<td>– Dissertation proposal</td>
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<td>– SOCI 631 Seminar in Sociological Research (Quantitative)</td>
<td>End of the year – Master’s paper</td>
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<td>– SOCI 691 Master’s Paper Class</td>
<td>– Start submitting to conferences</td>
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64-credit hour program, 4 years

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Coursework overview

- Classical Sociological Theory (611)
- Contemporary Sociological Theory (615)
- Measurement of Sociological Parameters (623)
- Qualitative Methodology (624) or Comparative Historical Methods (604)
- Seminar in Sociological Research (Quantitative) (631)
- Master's Paper Class (691)
- Teaching Undergraduate Sociology (680)
- Professional Seminar in Sociology (681)
- Professional Writing and Publication (683)
- Research Hours (691), Directed Studies (685), Elective Courses
- **Four courses for a major and three courses 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/](https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/resi/)

- Howard B. Kaplan Laboratory for Social Science Research (KLAMS)
  [https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/klams/](https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/klams/)

- Texas Research Data Center (TXRDC)
  [https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/txrdc/](https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/txrdc/)

- Stuart J. Hysom Social Psychology Laboratory
  [https://liberalarts.tamu.edu/sociology/social-psychology-lab/](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
  – January 8th, 2022

• Start of the program
  – Fall 2022
Application checklist

1. Application fee
2. Online application
3. Statement of purpose (up to 2 pages)
4. Writing sample (up to 25 pages)
5. Diversity statement (1 page)
6. Curriculum Vitae/Resume
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/

- Twitter
  @TAMUSOC

- Facebook
  @TAMUSOCI

- Instagram (focus on undergraduates)
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