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

**1st year**

**Fall**
- 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)

**Spring**
- 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)

**End of the year**
- Select advisor and major
- Start thinking about Master’s paper

**2nd year**

**Courses**
- 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)

**End of the year**
- Master’s paper
- Start submitting to conferences

**3rd year**

**Courses**
- Major courses
- Minor courses

**Others**
- Preparation for preliminary exam
- Conferences
- Papers

**4th year**

**Fall**
- Preliminary exam

**Spring**
- Dissertation proposal

**Others**
- Continue working on publications

**5th year**

**Fall**
- Enter job market

**Spring**
- Dissertation defense

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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

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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

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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