

# MA IN SOCIOLOGY

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### Academic Group: (College)

Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies

### Academic Organization: (Department)

Sociology; Labor Studies

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### Type of Program Proposal:

Major

### Program Change Type:

Non-Substantive

**Title of the Program:**

MA in Sociology

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

Master of Arts

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

Our department has decided to place a moratorium on admissions for the 2022/23 academic year. The Sociology Department has suffered a loss of tenure-line faculty over the last few years through retirements, job opportunities at other institutions and buyouts for administrative work. We are struggling to staff our classes and provide thesis supervision for our current graduate students. The pandemic has also added to the difficulties that our students have with managing challenging coursework and completing the independent research projects required for their culminating experience. We hope that a moratorium on admissions will give us the time to help our current students complete the program and allow us to create an alternative to the thesis as a culminating experience.

**Objectives of the degree program:**

The Master of Arts Program in Sociology is designed to provide a broad academic foundation for a variety of professional opportunities and community needs such as survey research, evaluation research, social problems analysis, career interest in community organizations, and teaching.

**University Learning Goals****Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Critical thinking/analysis  
 Communication  
 Information literacy  
 Disciplinary knowledge  
 Intercultural/Global perspectives  
 Professionalism  
 Research (optional)

**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

No

**Catalog Description:****Total units required for MA: 30****Program Description**

The Master of Arts Program in Sociology is designed to provide a broad academic foundation for a variety of professional opportunities and community needs such as survey research, evaluation research, social problems analysis, career interest in community organizations, and teaching.

The program offers small seminars and allows for close student-faculty contact. The program encourages students to seek internships and fieldwork, and participate in observation experience among the many government, voluntary, and private agencies in the Sacramento area. Students concentrate on theory and research methods as well as areas of specialization. Following coursework, students write a thesis based on original research.

Some graduates of the program enter Ph.D. programs at a variety of universities throughout the United States and others are employed in many state, local, and city government agencies and private businesses doing evaluation research, systems analysis, social problems analysis, and social impact assessment.

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

**Admission Requirements**

Admission as a classified graduate student in Sociology requires:

- a baccalaureate degree;
- a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units attempted;
- satisfactory completion of a minimum of 18 units of undergraduate work in Sociology, including one course each in theory, statistics, and methodology, with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- two letters of recommendation from faculty members in Sociology who know the applicant well enough to assess his/her potential for graduate study.

Students who have deficiencies in admission requirements that can be removed by specified additional preparation may be admitted with conditionally classified graduate status. Any such deficiencies will be noted on a written response to the admission application.

## Admission Procedures

Applications are accepted as long as room for new students exists. All prospective graduate students, including Sacramento State graduates, must file the following with the Office of Graduate Studies, River Front Center 215, (916) 278-6470:

- an online application for admission;
- two sets of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State; and*
- two letters of recommendation from Sociology faculty members to the Graduate Coordinator in the Sociology Department.

For more admissions information and application deadlines please visit <http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/>.

## Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree

Units required for the MA: 30

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0

## Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy, indicating a proposed program of graduate study. This procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed at least 15 units in the graduate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- completed a draft of the thesis prospectus; and
- take a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their discipline within the first two semesters of coursework at California State University, Sacramento.


Advancement to candidacy forms are available in the Department Office. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with a Sociology Graduate Advisor. The completed form should be returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

**Note:** A foreign language is not required for the degree. However, students who plan further graduate study are encouraged to study French, German, or Spanish since proficiency in one of these is sometimes required in doctoral programs.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Required Core Courses (15 Units)</b>		
SOC 200A	Orientation to Graduate Studies in Sociology	1
SOC 200B	Thesis Prospectus/Project Preparation Seminar	2
SOC 214	Research Methods 	3
SOC 215	Data Analysis	3
SOC 235	Social Psychology	3
SOC 240	Seminar: Sociological Theory	3
<b>Electives (9 Units)</b>		
Select 9 units from the following:		9
SOC 210	Urban Sociology	
SOC 220	Seminar: Social Change	
SOC 225	Social Stratification	
SOC 226	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 230	Seminar: Social Organization	
SOC 238	Environmental Sociology	
SOC 255	Social Research in Crime and Deviance	
SOC 260	Contemporary Issues of the Middle East and North Africa	
SOC 265	Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOC 266	Sociology of The Family	
SOC 295	Internship and Fieldwork <sup>1</sup>	
SOC 299	Special Problems <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Culminating Experience (6 Units)</b>		
SOC 500	Culminating Experience	6
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> No more than 3 units of SOC 295 and SOC 299 may be counted toward the degree.

**For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:**

900

### **Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program**

**Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:**

no impact

**Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:**

no fiscal impact

**How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?**

no accommodation needed

**Will the proposed changes require additional resources?**

No

**What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?**

none

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