

SOCIOLOGY, MASTER OF ARTS (105)

Program Coordinator

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This program aims to develop specific skills, especially those related to the quantitative and qualitative research processes, computer analysis, and report/proposal preparation. Completion of the MA in Sociology will prepare graduates for positions in public or private agencies and give thorough preparation for teaching and for advanced study at the doctoral level. The course of study includes training in general sociological theory, social research methods, statistics, and professional writing. Additional academic training is provided in substantive areas as well as through directed study.

Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP)

This degree offers a Joint Undergraduate Master's Program (JUMP) which provides academically outstanding students the opportunity to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in approximately five years. Contact the graduate program coordinator for additional information.

Program Admission

For admission to the program, preference is given to students who have completed the required courses for a sociology major or minor (Introductory Sociology, Using Statistics in Sociology, Strategies of Social Research, and Sociological Theory) with an average GPA of 3.0 or better.

Interested students should send application for admission, transcripts, an academic writing sample and a letter of intent to the Graduate School.

Applicants should discuss the following information in their letters of intent:

1. prior background and life experiences that could contribute to graduate coursework and research in sociology,
2. personal reasons for pursuing graduate studies in sociology at Western Kentucky University,
3. the applicant's areas of interest in the discipline of sociology,
4. the applicant's viewpoint on the importance of sociology for the study of the social world, and
5. future plans.

Please refer to the admission section (<http://catalog.wku.edu/graduate/admission>) of this catalog for Graduate School admission requirements.

Program Requirements (34-40 hours)

Thesis Option Degree Requirements (34 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
or SOCL 561	Advanced Social Interaction: Self in Society	
SOCL 599	Thesis Research/Writing	6
Electives		
Select 12 hours with approval of advisor		12
Total Hours		34

Non-Thesis Option Degree Requirements (40 hours)

Students selecting this option must pass a comprehensive examination during their final semester.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
SOCL 505	Proseminar in Sociology	1
SOCL 510	Qualitative Methods of Social Research	3
SOCL 512	Sociological Theory	3
SOCL 513	Quantitative Methods of Social Research	3
SOCL 514	Advanced Social Statistics	3
SOCL 515	Advanced Data Analysis	3
or SOCL 561	Advanced Social Interaction: Self in Society	
Electives		
Select 24 hours with approval of advisor		24
Total Hours		40

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Required Courses		
SOCL 505	Proseminar in Sociology	1
SOCL 510	Qualitative Methods of Social Research	3
SOCL 512	Sociological Theory	3
SOCL 513	Quantitative Methods of Social Research	3
SOCL 514	Advanced Social Statistics	3
SOCL 515	Advanced Data Analysis	3