

SOCIOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

Thesis Program Requirements

In addition to the successful completion of an acceptable master's thesis, students who choose this option will take a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate work distributed as follows:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		6
SOCI 5110	Perspectives on Sociology ¹	
SOCI 5163	Issues in Advanced Quantitative Analysis ¹	
Choose one methods course from the following:		3
SOCI 5150	Seminar in Social Networks ¹	
SOCI 5153	Seminar in Sociological Research ¹	
SOCI 5155	Seminar in Text Analysis for the Social Sciences ¹	
SOCI 5157	Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods ¹	
SOCI 5158	Seminar in Visual Ethnographic Methodology ¹	
Choose one social theory course from the following:		3
SOCI 5165	Foundations of Social Theory ¹	
SOCI 5166	Seminar in Contemporary Theory ¹	
Masters Thesis Credits:		6
SOCI 5999	Master's Thesis	
Select an additional 12 credits from 5000 level Sociology course work to be taken in consultation with the sociology graduate student's advisor.		12
Final master's oral examination covering all general coursework and the thesis.		
Total Credits		30

¹ To be taken within the first 27 hours of graduate credit. A grade of B- or better is required to receive credit for each of these core courses.

Non-Thesis Program Requirements: Coursework Only

Students who choose this option will take a minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate work distributed as follows:

Prefix	Title	Credits
Required courses		6
SOCI 5110	Perspectives on Sociology ¹	
SOCI 5163	Issues in Advanced Quantitative Analysis ¹	
Choose one methods course from the following:		3
SOCI 5150	Seminar in Social Networks ¹	
SOCI 5153	Seminar in Sociological Research ¹	
SOCI 5155	Seminar in Text Analysis for the Social Sciences ¹	
SOCI 5157	Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods ¹	
SOCI 5158	Seminar in Visual Ethnographic Methodology ¹	
Choose one social theory course from the following:		3
SOCI 5165	Foundations of Social Theory ¹	
SOCI 5166	Seminar in Contemporary Theory ¹	
Select an additional 18 credits from 5000 level Sociology course work to be taken in consultation with the sociology graduate student's advisor.		18

Final master's written examination covering all general coursework.

Total Credits 30

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Admission Requirements

To apply for admission to the Sociology MA Program and the Graduate School, applicants must meet the following criteria and submit the following through <https://apply.nmsu.edu/apply/>

- Application form and fees
- An undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- A record of professional, ethical, and collegial behavior.
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- A well written statement of purpose from the candidate addressing graduate school objectives and interests.

Failure to meet any of the above criteria may result in the student not being accepted into our program. However, in cases when an otherwise outstanding student does not meet the GPA requirements, the student may be accepted provisionally into the program.

The GRE is not required for admission. Students may be required to take prerequisites prior to gaining admission.

The department admits students on a rolling basis. For graduate assistantship consideration, the priority deadline for application is *April 1st*.