

Sociology Master's

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/sociology (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/sociology/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/socanth (<http://ndsu.edu/socanth/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
February 1 for fall semester
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

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Thesis (Plan A) Option

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		9
SOC 700	Qualitative Methods	
SOC 701	Quantitative Methods	
SOC 723	Social Theory	
Additional Didactic Courses (Numbered 601-689, 691; 700-789; 791 or 800-889, 891)		7
Thesis Credits (SOC 798)		6
Additional Coursework		8
Total Credits		30

Comprehensive Study (Plan B) Option

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		9
SOC 700	Qualitative Methods	
SOC 701	Quantitative Methods	
SOC 723	Social Theory	
Additional Didactic Courses (Numbered 601-689, 691; 700-789; 791 or 800-889, 891)		12
Research Paper Credits (SOC 797)		4
Additional Coursework		5
Total Credits		30

Culminating Experience Exam (Plan C) Option

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		9
SOC 700	Qualitative Methods	
SOC 701	Quantitative Methods	
SOC 723	Social Theory	
Additional Didactic Courses (Numbered 601-689, 691; 700-789; 791 or 800-889, 891)		12
Exam Preparation Credits (SOC 799)		1-3
Additional Coursework		9-11
Total Credits:		33

Additional coursework can include Field Experience (ANTH 695/795), Special Topics (SOC 696), and/or additional didactic courses in the student's area of study.

Admission and Application Requirements

Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page. In addition to these requirements, the following are required:

- Applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average in all courses of at least 3.0 or equivalent and a grade point average of 3.2 or higher in sociology.