Sociology

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
  For full consideration, applications must be received by February 15 for fall semester
- **Credential Offered:**
  M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
  TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

Students will write a master's thesis (Plan A), complete a comprehensive study paper (Plan B), or pursue a culminating experience exam (Plan C). The student’s schedule of courses must be approved by the faculty adviser.

Students in the master’s thesis option (Plan A) complete a minimum of 30 credits, including at least 16 didactic credits, and a master’s thesis. Students in the comprehensive study option (Plan B) complete a minimum of 30 credits, including at least 21 didactic credits, and a master’s paper. Students in the culminating experience option (Plan C) complete a minimum of 33 credits, including at least 21 didactic credits, and an exam. An oral defense of the thesis, research paper, or exam is required.

Requirements for the M.S. degree in sociology are as follows:

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Complete an additional 21 credits (including thesis or research paper) or 24 credits (including culminating experience exam)

Complete a research-based thesis, comprehensive study paper, or comprehensive exam and pass an oral defense of the thesis, paper, or exam administered by the student’s supervisory committee.