

SOCIOLOGY PHD

Degree Requirements

The following requirements are in addition to, or further elaborate upon, those requirements outlined in The Graduate School Policy Guide (<https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/academic-policies-procedures/>).

Master's

The Department of Sociology does not offer a terminal MA degree. Sociology PhD students may apply for a master's degree en route to their PhD. The Department of Sociology requires that all departmental required courses be completed, and second year paper be approved, as part of these 9 graded courses.

PhD

Total Units Required: 20 Units (plus 1 quarter of SOCIOL 480-0 Introduction to the Discipline and 1 quarter of SOCIOL 519-0 Responsible Conduct of Research Training)

For detailed information on The Sociology Department's PhD Program requirements please see the Sociology Graduate Student Handbook (The Whole Hooey (<https://sociology.northwestern.edu/documents/phd-docs/the-whole-hooey.pdf>)). The general requirements are for students to take the following:

Course	Title
Required Coursework (9 Units plus 1 quarter of SOCIOL 480 and 1 quarter of SOCIOL 519)	
<i>Statistics Courses (2 Units)</i>	
SOCIOL 401-1	Statistical Analysis of Social Data: Applied Regression Methods I (Required)
SOCIOL 401-2	Statistical Analysis of Social Data: Applied Regression Methods II (Required)
<i>Theory Courses (2 Units)</i>	
SOCIOL 406-1	Classical Theory in Sociological Analysis (Required)
One additional theory course	
<i>Methods Courses (2 Units)</i>	
SOCIOL 403-0	Field Methods (Required)
One additional methods course	
<i>Seminar on Sociology of Race & Racism (1 Unit)</i>	
SOCIOL 410-0	Race, Racism, and Resistance (Required)
<i>Teaching Seminar (1 Unit)</i>	
SOCIOL 570-0	Seminar on College Teaching (Required)
<i>Second-Year Paper Seminar (1 Unit)</i>	
SOCIOL 490-0	Research: Second Year Paper (Required in Year 2)
<i>Non-credit Proseminar</i>	
SOCIOL 480-0	Introduction to the Discipline (Required in Fall Quarter of Year 1)
<i>Non-credit Responsible Conduct of Research Training</i>	
SOCIOL 519-0	Responsible Conduct of Research Training (Required in Winter Quarter of Year 1)
Elective Coursework (11 units)	
Sociology Department Electives (8 Units)*	
Outside Department Electives (3 Units)	

* Due to the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, students admitted between 2018-2020 may count up to two SOCIOL 499-0 Independent Study as department electives.

Other PhD Degree Requirements

- **Research/Projects:** Second-year paper suitable for publication that must be completed by the end of 2nd year (may be used as master's thesis; see Master's above).
- **Examinations:** Qualifying examination for admission to candidacy is the Special Fields Paper that must be completed at the end of 3rd year.
- **PhD Dissertation:** Based on original, independent research
- **Final Evaluations:** Defense of dissertation