SOCIOLOGY

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Degree Types: PhD

The Doctoral Program in Sociology (https://www.sociology.northwestern.edu/graduate/) has particular strength in several substantive specialties – the sociology of culture; social organization, institutions, and social movements; sexualities; social inequality, labor markets, race, and gender; comparative and historical sociology; law and society; economic sociology – and we welcome research that falls outside of these areas as well.

Degrees Offered

• Sociology PhD (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/sociology/sociology-phd)
• Management and Organizations and Sociology PhD (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/management-organizations-sociology/management-organizations-sociology-phd)
• JD/PhD Combined Degree (https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/law/programs/jd/options/jdphd)

Sociology Courses

SOCIOL 400-0 Introduction to Statistics & Statistical Software (1 Unit)
This course is designed to teach students the basics of single variable calculus, probability, set theory, random variables, and hypothesis testing. The course prepares students for the next class in the statistics sequence. The fundamental math used in this course will be covered in a review course prior to the start of the quarter. By the end of the course, students will understand the intuition behind statistical analysis, have practice applying the statistical techniques covered, and be familiar with different types of statistical analysis.

SOCIOL 401-1 Statistical Analysis of Social Data: Applied Regression Methods I (1 Unit)
Introduction to the theory, methods, and practice of linear regression analysis: descriptive statistics, analysis of variance, ordinary least squares (OLS), non-linear models with linear regression, and regression diagnostics. For first-year graduate students in sociology.

SOCIOL 401-2 Statistical Analysis of Social Data: Applied Regression Methods II (1 Unit)
Regression models with categorical and discrete outcomes: categorical variables, ordinal outcomes, maximum likelihood estimation (MLE), probit and logistic regression, logit models. Other advanced methods may also be covered. For first-year graduate students in sociology.

SOCIOL 402-0 Event-History Analysis (1 Unit)
Statistical techniques for the analysis of longitudinal data to explain or predict the occurrence of discrete events.

SOCIOL 403-0 Field Methods (1 Unit)
Application of the methods of case study, interviewing, and participant observation.

SOCIOL 405-0 Research Methods (1 Unit)
Fundamentals of research methods, sampling, data collection, and data analysis. May include questionnaire design, aspects of archival research, content analysis, and the relationship between methods, analytic techniques, and the building and confirming of theoretical models.

SOCIOL 406-1 Classical Theory in Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)

Marx and Weber: comparison and contrasts of their theories. Also, theorists such as Lukacs and Gramsci, who combine elements from both.

SOCIOL 406-2 Race, Gender, Du Bois & Sociological Theory (1 Unit)
This course addresses the role that social factors play in the development of sociological perspectives and schools of thought. Attention will focus on the role of race, gender and power in the rise of American sociology. The case of W. E. B. Du Bois will be highlighted to shed light on the origins and development of American sociology.

SOCIOL 406-3 Contemporary Theory in Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)
Contemporary approaches to important theoretical issues. Emphasizes the relationship between theory and current research. Content varies. Topics may include functionalism, neo-Marxism, rational action, feminism, or symbolic interactionism. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

SOCIOL 408-0 Sociology of Law (1 Unit)
Classical and modern theories of law. Modes of inquiry in sociolegal research. Patterns of legal development; comparisons among capitalist, socialist, customary, and indigenous legal systems. The relationship of law to social control, inequality, and social change. Social organization of legal institutions, including systems of dispute resolution and litigation, the legal profession, and regulatory and enforcement agencies.

SOCIOL 420-0 Cultural Sociology and the Sociology of Culture (1 Unit)
Production, distribution, reception of culture; culture and meaning; cultural approaches to social boundaries, social problems; local and global cultures.

SOCIOL 437-0 Economic Sociology (1 Unit)
This course provides an introduction to economic sociology. It poses the key idea of “embeddedness” and develops it by exploring various connections between economic behavior and social processes and relations.

SOCIOL 439-0 Comparative and Historical Sociology (1 Unit)
Theoretical and methodological issues in the comparison of whole societies and other macrosocial units. Contrasts approaches that emphasize variables with those that emphasize cases (i.e., countries) and their histories. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

SOCIOL 440-0 Stratification, Race and Gender (1 Unit)
Issues in current research and theory in stratification, race, and gender. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. For graduate students.

SOCIOL 441-0 Social Movements (1 Unit)
Issues in research and theory in social movements. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with change of topic. For graduate students.

SOCIOL 476-0 Topics in Sociological Analysis (1 Unit)
Advanced areas of graduate student interest. Content varies. May be repeated for credit with change of topic.

SOCIOL 480-0 Introduction to the Discipline (0 Unit)
Introduction to the department, faculty, and adjunct faculty. Faculty discuss their research and teaching interests. Mandatory two-quarter weekly seminar for first-year students.

SOCIOL 490-0 Research: Second Year Paper (1 Unit)
Independent study for work on second-year paper.

SOCIOL 499-0 Independent Study (1 Unit)
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SOCIOL 570-0 Seminar on College Teaching (1 Unit)
This course should be seen as a first step in a never-ending mission for developing one's own pedagogical skills. Students will learn each stage of the collegiate course design and implementation process: creating syllabi, teaching effectively, and evaluating both student and teacher. Assignments throughout the course are designed primarily to help students improve and reflect on their teaching. The final assignment is to create a teaching portfolio that will lay the foundations for what students would use on the academic job market. As part of the course, students gain hands-on teaching experience by the department's 110 course: Introduction to Sociology. TAing for 110 will require students to lead a discussion section every week along with grading essays, midterms, and the final exam. The first two weeks of the course will prepare students to quickly learn and execute their responsibilities.

SOCIOL 576-0 Topics in Sociological Analysis (0.33-0.34 Units)
Workshops in areas of expressed student interest. Open to advanced graduate students. May be counted for credit with instructor approval.

SOCIOL 590-0 Research (1-3 Units)
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