

SOCIOLOGY (MA)

Master of Arts in Sociology (SOCIMA)

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<https://louisville.edu/artsandsociences/>) (GA)

Department: Sociology (<https://louisville.edu/sociology/>)

Program Website (<https://louisville.edu/sociology/graduate-studies/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): SOCIMA

Program Information

The Department of Sociology, in the College of Arts and Sciences, offers graduate training leading to the Master of Arts in Sociology. The 34 credit hour program of study seeks to provide graduate education at the highest standards, introducing students to the current state of sociological knowledge and methods through quality classroom instruction, faculty-student collaboration, and independent student research and practical learning opportunities.

The program is designed to prepare students for the pursuit of a PhD in sociology or for moving directly into the workforce for a career in government, nonprofits, or the private sector.

The Department of Sociology offers a master's degree in sociology, a doctoral degree in applied sociology, and a joint master's-doctoral degree in sociology which allows a student to be admitted to the master's program and, upon completion, enter the PhD program without having to re-apply.

Admissions Requirements

We are committed to a holistic review of applications, considering course grades and GPA(s) alongside writing samples, personal statements, and letters of recommendation. However, **admission into our program requires:**

For the MA or joint MA-PhD:

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution and a cumulative GPA of 3.2.
- Previous undergraduate coursework (and minimum grades) in statistics (B+), research methods (B), and social theory (B). (Students may be allowed to use equivalent courses for these prerequisites and should provide a course syllabus for the Department to review.)
- If an international student, either a TOEFL (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ets.org%2Ftoefl&data=05%7C02%7Cjonettaweber%40louisville.edu%7C5a054da3aa4a4a13d76808dd09a9e7d6%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C638677347517403988%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIAQD&reserved=0>) score of 213 (on computer-based test) or 79-80 (on the internet-based test), an IELTS (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.ielts.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cjonettaweber%40louisville.edu%7C5a054da3aa4a4a13d76808dd09a9e7d6%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C638677347517403988%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIAQD&reserved=0>) score of at least 6.5, or Duolingo (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fenglishtest.duolingo.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cjonettaweber%40louisville.edu%7C5a054da3aa4a4a13d76808dd09a9e7d6%7Cdd246e4a54344e158ae391ad9797b209%7C0%7C0%7C638677347517403988%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIAQD&reserved=0>) score of at least 105.

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SOC 693	Thesis Analysis	3
SOC 695	Thesis Research	6
Minimum Total Hours		34