

Master of Arts in Sociology

Sociology is a discipline that focuses on human behavior and interaction. Studying the role of the individual as an inherently social being, sociological training helps prepare students to develop a reflective understanding of human nature. Examining the nature of the public sphere, addressing inclusivity, and using an intersectional framework are sociological themes emerging at the core of current social movements. Program courses will examine inequality, globalization, social change, and the intersection of people and societies with institutions. Strong foundation in these concepts and theories will help prepare students to examine real world issues critically in individual, social, and organizational contexts. Development of these knowledge and skills areas supports our mission of preparing students for a diverse, global society.

This program has specific admission requirements

Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Apply core sociological paradigms, theories, and concepts to social issues.
- Employ an advanced knowledge of social science research methods and statistical analysis to examine data in social scientific contexts and interdisciplinary career fields.
- Describe career opportunities, professional responsibilities, and challenges experienced by sociologists.
- Demonstrate proficiency in scholarly writing.
- Demonstrate mastery of theory and concepts in a specialized field of sociology (e.g., medical sociology, sociology of education, or social psychology)

Programmatic Admission Requirements

The following is required for admission into this program. All documentation must be provided prior to course registration:

- Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree in any field with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- Applicants who do not have a bachelor's degree in sociology must have completed:
 - One statistics course (taken within ten years or less)

Please visit our AMU (<https://www.amu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) or APU (<https://www.apu.apus.edu/admissions/graduate-requirements.html>) graduate admission page for more information on institutional admission requirements.

Need help?

If you have questions regarding a program's admission requirements, please contact an APUS Admissions Coach at 877-755-2787 or info@apus.edu.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Core Requirements	18
	Major Requirements	9
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Total Semester Hours	30

Degree Program Requirements

Core Requirements (18 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
SOCI510	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Sociology ¹	3
SOCI500	Social Theory in Action	3
SOCI501	Professionalism for Sociologists: Ethics, Collaboration, and Career Planning	3
PSYC601	Qualitative Methods in Social Science Research	3
PSYC602	Quantitative Methods in Social Science Research	3
SOCI603	Advanced Data Analysis for Social Science	3
	Total Semester Hours	18

¹ Students are required to take SOCI510 as the first course. If you have an accredited bachelor's degree in Sociology, you are NOT required to take the course listed above, and instead may take one additional master's-level course from Major Requirements.

Major Requirements (9 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Select 2 courses from the following:	6
SOCI610	Grant Writing and Fundraising for Social Scientists	
PSYC503	Introduction to Scholarly and Technical Writing	

SOCI690	Independent Study: Sociology	
PSYC515	Social Psychology	
PSYC610	Multicultural Issues in Human Behavior	
Select 1 course from the following:		3
SOCI620	Social Analysis of Education Systems	
SOCI621	Medical Sociology	
PSYC521	Organizational Behavior	
Total Semester Hours		9

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
SOCI698	Sociology Capstone ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ Taken once all other requirements have been met.