

# 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 in a way that promotes the social, economic, and environmental well-being of individuals and communities.
- Demonstrate an advanced knowledge of social science research methods and statistical analysis to examine big data in interdisciplinary contexts and career fields.
- Describe career opportunities, professional responsibilities and challenges experienced by sociologists.
- Prepare a professional narrative through a portfolio demonstrating mastery of career skills for social scientists.
- Contribute to positive social change in personal and/or professional life through service to a diverse society.

## 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 introduction to sociology course
- One statistics course

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 representative at 877-755-2787 or [info@apus.edu](mailto:info@apus.edu).

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Core Requirements	15
	Major Requirements	12
	Final Program Requirements	3
	<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>30</b>

## Degree Program Requirements

### Core Requirements (15 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
SOCI500	Social Theory in Action <sup>1</sup>	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
	<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>1</sup> Required as the first course in this program.

### Major Requirements (12 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Select 3 courses from the following:	9
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		12

### Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

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

<sup>1</sup> Taken once all other requirements have been met.