MA in Sociology

Total units required for MA: 30

Program Description
The Master of Arts Program in Sociology is designed to provide a broad academic foundation for a variety of professional opportunities and community needs such as survey research, evaluation research, social problems analysis, career interest in community organizations, and teaching.

The program offers small seminars and allows for close student-faculty contact. The program encourages students to seek internships and fieldwork, and participate in observation experience among the many government, voluntary, and private agencies in the Sacramento area. Students concentrate on theory and research methods as well as areas of specialization. Following coursework, students write a thesis based on original research.

Some graduates of the program enter Ph.D. programs at a variety of universities throughout the United States and others are employed in many state, local, and city government agencies and private businesses doing evaluation research, systems analysis, social problems analysis, and social impact assessment.

Admission Requirements
Admission as a classified graduate student in Sociology requires:

- a baccalaureate degree;
- a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units attempted;
- satisfactory completion of a minimum of 18 units of undergraduate work in Sociology, including one course each in theory, statistics, and methodology, with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- two letters of recommendation from faculty members in Sociology who know the applicant well enough to assess his/her potential for graduate study.

Students who have deficiencies in admission requirements that can be removed by specified additional preparation may be admitted with conditionally classified graduate status. Any such deficiencies will be noted on a written response to the admission application.

Admission Procedures
Applications are accepted as long as room for new students exists. All prospective graduate students, including Sacramento State graduates, must file the following with the Office of Graduate Studies, River Front Center 215, (916) 278-6470:

- an online application for admission;
- two sets of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, other than Sacramento State; and
- two letters of recommendation from Sociology faculty members to the Graduate Coordinator in the Sociology Department.

For more admissions information and application deadlines please visit http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/.

Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree
Units required for the MA: 30

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0

Advancement to Candidacy
Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy, indicating a proposed program of graduate study. This procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed at least 15 units in the graduate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA;
- completed a draft of the thesis prospectus; and
- taken the Writing Placement for Graduate Students (WPG) or taken a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their discipline within the first two semesters of coursework at California State University, Sacramento or secured approval for a WPG waiver.

Advancement to candidacy forms are available in the Department Office. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with a Sociology Graduate Advisor. The completed form should be returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

Note: A foreign language is not required for the degree. However, students who plan further graduate study are encouraged to study French, German, or Spanish since proficiency in one of these is sometimes required in doctoral programs.

Program Requirements

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Electives (9 Units)
Select 9 units from the following:

- SOC 210 Urban Sociology                                      | 1     |
- SOC 220 Seminar: Social Change                               | 1     |
- SOC 225 Social Stratification                                | 1     |
- SOC 226 Sociology of Gender                                  | 1     |
- SOC 230 Seminar: Social Organization                         | 1     |
- SOC 238 Environmental Sociology                              | 1     |
- SOC 255 Social Research in Crime and Deviance                | 1     |
- SOC 260 Contemporary Issues of the Middle East and North Africa| 1     |
- SOC 265 Race and Ethnic Relations                            | 1     |
- SOC 266 Sociology of The Family                              | 1     |
- SOC 295 Internship and Fieldwork 1                           | 1     |
- SOC 299 Special Problems 1                                   | 1     |

Culminating Experience (6 Units)

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Total Units 30

1 No more than 3 units of SOC 295 and SOC 299 may be counted toward the degree.