

# SOCIOLOGY, PHD

**Degree:** Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

**Field of Study:** Sociology

## Program Overview

The Department of Sociology offers graduate training leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree. The doctoral program includes four areas of concentration: Sociology of Age and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, and Research Methods.

## Graduate Policies

For graduate policies and procedures, please review the School of Graduate Studies section of the General Bulletin.

## Program Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded upon the completion of required coursework, comprehensive examinations and all requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, including the timely completion and successful defense of the doctoral dissertation.

1. The Ph.D. in Sociology requires the completion of 66 credit hours beyond the B.A./B.S. degree, including 18 credit hours of SOCI 701.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Required Courses:</b>		
SOCI 400	Development of Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 401	Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOCI 406	Logic of Social Inquiry	3
SOCI 407	Social Statistics	3
SOCI 509	Advanced Statistical Analysis	3
SOCI 514	Qualitative Methods/Field Research	3
<b>Concentration Core Courses:</b>		
<i>Choose two of the following:</i>		6
SOCI 443	Medical Sociology	
SOCI 449	Social Inequality	
SOCI 469	Age, Society, and Inequality	
Concentration Electives <sup>a</sup>		12
SOCI Electives		12
SOCI 701	Dissertation Ph.D.	18
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>66</b>

a Two electives, plus the core course, in each selected concentration area.

2. Successful completion of written comprehensive examinations in two of the four **concentration areas** (Sociology of Age and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Social Inequality, Research Methods) are required before beginning work on the dissertation.

Information concerning the **dissertation process** is available from the School of Graduate Studies.