

SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers programs of study leading to the degrees of MA and PhD in Sociology in the following fields:

- **Environment, Food, and Communities (MA, PhD)** This field reflects sociological interests in understanding societal-ecological interactions more broadly. The specific focus may include environmental/natural resources/food systems and/or environmental justice/community sustainability. Students specializing in this field will be encouraged to draw on established methodologies in the field, including the comparative and historical approach. Attention will be given to the ways in which structure/power/culture and class/gender/race and ethnicity play out in at least one of the substantive topics comprising this field.
- **Work and Organization (MA, PhD)** This field reflects sociological interests in changing patterns of work and employment in comparative contexts, labour markets, gender and work, industrial and organizational change, economic restructuring and work, organizations and protest, education for work, and the regulation of work. These trends are located in the broader processes of globalization, economic restructuring and fundamental shifts in public policy. Students specializing in this field will be encouraged to focus on the dialectical relationship between the configurations of gender, class, race and ethnicity, and the transformation and re-organization of work.
- **Crime and Social Control (MA, PhD)** This field reflects sociological interests into how crime is defined, measured, explained and reacted to by society. Within this field students will be exposed to scholarly material on a broad range of topics including: cyberbullying, victimization, homelessness, intimate partner violence, drug policy, school violence, feminist criminology, critical criminology, restorative justice, sociology of risk, policing, the social construction of crime, inmate re-integration, youth justice, wrongful convictions, and life course criminology.
- **Identities and Social Inclusion (MA, PhD)** This field reflects sociological interests in the study of intergroup relations, with special emphasis on struggles over influence and power. Students specializing in this field will acquire a deeper understanding of the complex intersection as well as the overlap of forms of identity and group mobilization based on ethnic, linguistic, regional, class, gender, racial and other forms of social division. The field also provides students with the opportunity to study Indigenous issues and policies related to multiculturalism, equity and local or regional autonomy.

See the Department website (<http://www.sociology.uoguelph.ca/>) for additional information.

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MA Program

Admission Requirements

Applicants must possess an Honours BA (4 years) degree or its equivalent with at least a B+ average in the final two years of undergraduate studies. Students who do not meet departmental

requirements, e.g., students whose undergraduate degree does not include basic courses in Sociology, may be admitted provisionally and required to complete appropriate make-up courses from offerings in the undergraduate program.

Application Procedure

Graduate students are admitted each Fall semester (approximately 10 - 15 students). Students are admitted into the program in the Fall semester only. The program is offered on a full-time basis only. The on-line application and application information can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply/>. Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines.

Program Requirements

The MA program permits students to become actively involved in research, teaching and professional practice. The objective of the program is to offer opportunities for advanced studies and research in Sociology.

Students enrol in one of two study options:

1. course work and major paper option, or
2. thesis option.

Students begin their studies in the Fall semester.

Thesis

Students must complete a minimum of 2.0 credits and write a thesis. All students are required to master basic theory and methodological skills. This is fulfilled through the successful completion of the courses SOC*6140 Qualitative Research Methods and SOC*6070 Sociological Theory in the Fall semester and SOC*6130 Quantitative Research Methods in the Winter semester.

All students are required to pass SOC*6700 Pro-seminar. This is a two semester course (Fall and Winter) and is graded as SAT/UNSAT. This course is intended to introduce students to the department, the university, and the profession of Sociology.

Course Work and Major Research Paper

Students must complete a minimum of 4.0 credits (including SOC*6660 Major Paper) and write a major paper. All students are required to master basic theory and methodological skills. This is fulfilled through the successful completion of the courses SOC*6140 Qualitative Research Methods and SOC*6070 Sociological Theory in the Fall semester and SOC*6130 Quantitative Research Methods in the Winter semester.

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PhD Program

The doctoral program comprises four fields within the discipline of Sociology that build on current faculty strengths. These fields are:

1. Environment, Food and Communities;
2. Work and Organization;
3. Crime and Social Control; and
4. Identities and Social Inclusion.

Admission Requirements

Normally, only applicants with a recognized MA degree in Sociology and with high academic standing (80% or higher) in their graduate-level studies will be admitted into the program.

Students are expected to have successfully completed Master's-level courses in sociological theory as well as Master's-level qualitative and quantitative methodology courses in Sociology. It is also expected that students will have taken courses across the breadth of Sociology.

Admission Procedure

Graduate students are admitted into the program in the Fall semester only. The program is offered on a full-time basis only. Program offices should be consulted for admission deadlines. The on-line application and application information can be found at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies/apply/>.

Program Requirements

All students in the PhD program are required to successfully complete at least four courses during the first two semesters of study, including SOC*6750 PhD Professional Seminar, SOC*6800 Advanced Topics in Sociological Theory, and SOC*6200 Advanced Issues in Mixed Research Methodologies. Students must also successfully complete a qualifying exam and a research proposal, and produce and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that has been approved by the advisory committee.

Collaborative Specializations

International Development Studies

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology participates in the MA and PhD collaborative specialization in International Development Studies (IDS). Please consult the International Development Studies (<https://calendar.uoguelph.ca/graduate-calendar/collaborative-specializations/international-development-studies/>) International Development Studies listing for a detailed description of the MA and PhD collaborative specialization and the special additional requirements for each of the participating departments.

Courses

SOC*6070 Sociological Theory Fall Only [0.50]

Classical and contemporary theoretical perspectives and their inter-relationships. A central concern will be to develop the student's ability to assess theory critically and to understand how theory and research relate to each other.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology and CCJP students.

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SOC*6130 Quantitative Research Methods Winter Only [0.50]

The application of multiple regression to data generated by non-experimental research, e.g., survey data and data from other sources (census, archival). In large part a course in theory construction, a thorough grounding in the mechanics and statistical assumptions of multiple regression is followed by its application to the construction of structural equation (or causal) models representing substantive theories in sociology and related disciplines.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology and CCJP students.

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SOC*6140 Qualitative Research Methods Fall Only [0.50]

An examination of the methods of qualitative research, including participant observation and unstructured interviews, as well as the ethical considerations of fieldwork. Other topics, such as comparative and historical methods, may be included.

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SOC*6200 Advanced Issues in Mixed Research Methodologies Winter Only [0.50]

This course will examine the foundations and a range of approaches used in mixed methods sociological research. Students will acquire a deeper understanding of how using a mixed methods research approach in sociological research can enhance scholarly rigour in a theoretically informed research project.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology PhD student.

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Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6270 Diversity and Social Equality Unspecified [0.50]

This course will examine a range of approaches used in the study of intergroup relations, with special emphasis on struggles over influence and power. Students will acquire a deeper understanding of the complex intersection, as well as the overlap among forms of identity and group mobilization based on ethnic, linguistic, regional, class, gender, racial and other forms of social division. The course may also cover native issues and policies related to multiculturalism, equity and local or regional autonomy.

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SOC*6350 Society, Crime and Control Unspecified [0.50]

This seminar course surveys classical theoretical perspectives and more recent theoretical developments in the sociology of crime. It will examine the assumptions and logical structure of each perspective and justifications of particular criminal justice/public policy responses. The course will also critically assess recent empirical research relevant to each perspective.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology and Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy students.

Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6400 Special Topics in Sociology Unspecified [0.50]

Special topics in sociology will critically examine and evaluate contemporary issues/debates in sociology by looking at contemporary research and the associated theoretical and methodological frameworks/perspectives. Course content is unique in each offering.

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SOC*6420 Environment, Food, and Communities Unspecified [0.50]

This course reflects sociological and anthropological interests in understanding societal-ecological interactions. The specific focus may include environmental/natural resources/food systems and/or environmental justice/community sustainability. Students are encouraged to draw on established methodologies in the field, including ethnographic, comparative and historical approaches. Attention is given to the ways that structure/power/culture and class/gender/race/ethnicity play out in at least one of the substantive topics comprising this field. This course is offered in conjunction with ANTH*6420.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of SOC*6420 or ANTH*6420.

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Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6460 Gender and Development Fall Only [0.50]

Cross-cultural and historical changes in gender relations and the roles/positions of women brought about by industrialization and the development of the world system. Critical examination of the predominant theories of gender relations, in so far as these inform development research and action in societies with different socio-economic systems. Introduction to the latest theories and research in the area of women and development, as well as with social and political actions undertaken by women themselves. This is one of the two alternative core courses for the collaborative International Development Studies program.

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SOC*6480 Work, Gender and Change in a Global Context Unspecified [0.50]

This course will consider some of the theoretical frameworks available for examining work, workers and work places in the context of globalization, economic restructuring, and shifts in public policy. Using case studies of particular work worlds, the course may include topics such as changing patterns of work and employment in comparative contexts, labour regimes, industrial and organizational change, organizations and protest, education for work, and the regulation of work. The course will focus on the dialectical relationship between the configurations of gender, class, race and ethnicity and the transformation of work.

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SOC*6520 Social Movements and Collective Action Fall Only [0.50]

Students will critically review the major theoretical perspectives on social movements and collective action, and consider their relevance in understanding the emergence, tactics, composition and impact of movements in a variety of national contexts. The specific movements to be examined via empirical scholarship will vary each year, but readings will represent several main kinds of collective demands ranging from the redress of oppression of particular groups, to struggles to sustain and enhance societal and human welfare.

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SOC*6550 Selected Topics in Theory and Research Unspecified [0.50]

This course will be offered with varying content focusing on theory or research.

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SOC*6600 Reading Course Unspecified [0.50]

A program of directed reading, complemented with the writing of papers or participation in research. Reading courses are arranged by students through their advisors or advisory committees and must be approved by the chair of the department. This course may be repeated provided different content is involved.

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SOC*6660 Major Paper Unspecified [1.00]

The major paper is an extensive research paper for those who do not elect to complete a thesis. It may be taken over two semesters.

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SOC*6700 Pro-seminar Fall and Winter Reg Required [0.00]

The pro-seminar concerns matters involved in graduate studies and later work as a professional sociologist, including how to form a graduate advisory committee, assistantship responsibilities, presentation skills, exploration of careers in sociology, writing grant proposals, reports and articles, and teaching. Offered in conjunction with ANTH*6700.

Restriction(s): Credit may be obtained for only one of SOC*6700 or ANTH*6700. Restricted to Sociology MA students.

Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6750 PhD Professional Seminar Fall and Winter Reg Required [0.50]

This professional seminar provides PhD students in Sociology opportunities to develop professional skills; develop and foster an intellectual culture; facilitate cohort building, mentoring and provide peer support; and contribute to the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology PhD students
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Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6800 Advanced Topics in Sociological Theory Fall Only [0.50]

This course focuses on close readings of, and critical engagement with, select classical and contemporary sociological theories. Students will develop advanced understandings of the philosophical underpinnings of different theoretical approaches and of the ontological and epistemological assumptions of sociological inquiry more generally.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology PhD students.
Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6810 Reading Course Unspecified [0.50]

A program of supervised independent reading, complemented with the writing of papers or participation in research. Reading courses are arranged by students in consultation with their advisor or advisory committee and must be approved by the chair of the department.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology PhD students
Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Location(s): Guelph

SOC*6820 Directed Readings Unspecified [0.50]

A program of directed readings related to the student's field of specialization. The nature and content of the course are agreed upon by the student and instructor in consultation with the student's advisor or advisory committee. The course must be approved by the chair of the department.

Restriction(s): Restricted to Sociology PhD students.
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