

# SOCIOLOGY, M.A.

## Sociology and Criminology

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## Sociology Program Information

The Department of Sociology and Criminology offers programs that lead to the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Both programs provide training in the core areas of the discipline (theory and research methods) and offer a wide range of areas of specialization and theoretical approaches.

## Admission Information

### Admission to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Application and Admission Procedures are found in the Academic Guide (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/application-admission-registration-policies/>).

Admission requirements for Master's students are found in the Master's Degrees General Regulations ([https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission\\_FGSMasters](https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Admission_FGSMasters)) section of the Guide.

### Sociology M.A. Admission Information

Students who have completed a 4-year Honours degree in Sociology or equivalent, or a closely related cognate field that includes substantial sociological content and a strong foundation in sociological research methods and theory may enter directly into the Master of Arts program. Students with a general 3-year B.A. in Sociology may be eligible for the Pre-Master's year.

### Pre-Master's Option

This unit offers a Pre-Master's program of study (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/general-regulations-pre-masters/>). The Pre-Master's program of study is intended to bring a student's background up to the equivalent of the required 4-year degree in the major department/unit, and to provide the student with any necessary prerequisites for courses to be taken in the Master's program. Completing the Pre-Master's program does not guarantee acceptance to the Master's program.

## Application Information

Students should complete and submit their online application with supporting documentation by the date indicated on the Sociology M.A. program of study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/sociology-ma/>) page.

## Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts program in Sociology consists of 18 credit hours of coursework (including 3 credit hours in Research Methods and 3

credit hours in Sociological theory). Students must also complete and successfully defend a thesis.

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 2 years

## Progression Chart

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
GRAD 7300	Research Integrity Tutorial	0
GRAD 7500	Academic Integrity Tutorial	0
Select one of the following Methods courses: <sup>1</sup>		3
SOC 7240	Seminar in Selected Topics in Research and Methods	
SOC 7390	Survey Research Methods	
SOC 7400	Advanced Quantitative Research Methods	
SOC 7420	Qualitative Research Methods for Sociological Inquiry	
SOC 7470	Evaluating Social Programs	
Select one of the following Theory courses:		3
SOC 7190	Seminar in Selected Topics in Sociological Theory	
SOC 7320	Seminar in Political Sociology	
SOC 7430	Seminar in Classical Sociological Theory	
SOC 7440	Seminar in Contemporary Sociological Theory	
SOC 7480	Social Inequality	
SOC 7280	Seminar in Theoretical Criminology	
Select courses designated SOC 7000		12
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
GRAD 7000	Master's Thesis	0
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

<sup>1</sup> Students may take courses outside the department with permission from the Graduate Chair. (See Supplementary Regulations for details.)

Auxiliary courses may be taken with permission from the student's advisor and the Graduate Chair. Reading courses are permitted only under exceptional circumstances, and require permission from the Graduate Chair and Department Head.

## Registration Information

Students should familiarize themselves with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies 'GRAD' courses applicable to their program (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/registration-information/>). If you have questions about which GRAD course(s) to register in, please consult your home department/unit.

All new and returning Pre-Masters, M.A., and Ph.D. students must meet with the Chair of Graduate Studies in Sociology to discuss their program of study (usually in late August). The Graduate Program Assistant will then register the student. All course additions and withdrawals must be arranged in a similar fashion.

## **Regulations**

Students must meet the requirements as outlined in both Supplementary Regulation and BFAR documents as approved by Senate.

### **Supplementary Regulations**

Individual units may require specific requirements above and beyond those of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and students should consult unit supplementary regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/supplementary-regulations/>) for these specific regulations.

### **Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR)**

Bona Fide Academic Requirements (BFAR) (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#BFAR>) represent the core academic requirements a graduate student must acquire in order to gain, and demonstrate acquisition of, essential knowledge and skills.

All students must successfully complete:

- GRAD 7300 prior to applying to any ethics boards which are appropriate to the student's research or within the student's first year, whichever comes first; and
- GRAD 7500 within the first term of registration;

unless these courses have been completed previously, as per Mandatory Academic Integrity Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7500>) and Mandatory Research Integrity Online Course (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/academic-performance-general/#GRAD7300>).

Students must also meet additional BFAR requirements (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/student-experience/core-academic-requirements/#additional-requirements-by-program>) that may be specified for their program.

### **General Regulations**

All students must:

- maintain a minimum degree grade point average of 3.0 with no grade below C+,
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum course requirements, and
- meet the minimum and not exceed the maximum time requirements (in terms of time in program and lapse or expiration of credit of courses).