

# SOCIOLOGY, PHD

Graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania is conducted through graduate groups formed according to different areas of study. These groups administer programs leading to the AM and PhD degrees. Those seeking a graduate degree in Sociology should apply to the Graduate Group in Sociology. Sociology students earn their MA on the way to the PhD. There is no terminal Master's degree program.

It is possible to earn a joint Ph.D. in Sociology and another discipline by being admitted to and satisfying the requirements of two Ph.D. programs and writing a single dissertation. Currently, students are enrolled in joint degrees with Demography, Education, Communications, and Africana Studies. Students seeking a joint Ph.D. combining Sociology with another program must be admitted in that program (as well as Sociology); admittance to the second program may occur after admission to the Sociology program.

**For more information:** [http://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/graduate\\_resources](http://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/graduate_resources) ([http://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/graduate\\_resources/](http://sociology.sas.upenn.edu/graduate_resources/))

View the University's Academic Rules for PhD Programs (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/>).

## Required Courses

A minimum of 16 course units are required. A minimum of 12 course units must be taken at the University of Pennsylvania.

Code	Title	Course Units
SOCI 5350	Quantitative Methods I	1
SOCI 5351	Quantitative Methods II	1
SOCI 6020	Proseminar in Classical Sociology	1
SOCI 6040	Methodology of Social Research	1
SOCI 6200	Sociological Research II	1
SOCI 7070	Second Year Research Seminar I	1
SOCI 7071	Second Year Research Seminar II	1
Select nine electives <sup>1</sup>		9
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>16</b>

<sup>1</sup> Three electives must be in Sociology.

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

## Sample Plan of Study

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
SOCI 5350 & SOCI 5351	Quantitative Methods I and Quantitative Methods II	

SOCI 6020 Proseminar in Classical Sociology

SOCI 6040 Methodology of Social Research

Select two Sociology courses

### Year 2

SOCI 7070 Second Year Research Seminar I

SOCI 7071 Second Year Research Seminar II

Select four electives

Second Year Paper/MA Thesis

Teaching Assistantship

### Year 3

SOCI 6200 Sociological Research II

Select three electives

Paper Submission

Specialty Area ([http://catalog.upenn.edu/graduate/programs/1\\_comprehensive\\_exam/](http://catalog.upenn.edu/graduate/programs/1_comprehensive_exam/))

Dissertation Committee Selected

Teaching Assistantship

### Year 4

Specialty Area ([http://catalog.upenn.edu/graduate/programs/2\\_comprehensive\\_exam/](http://catalog.upenn.edu/graduate/programs/2_comprehensive_exam/))

Dissertation Proposal

### Year 5 and Beyond

Dissertation Research and Defense