Sociology: MA

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is well established and has been offering a Master’s degree in Sociology since 1967. Our MA program provides students with the opportunity to become actively engaged in research, teaching and professional practice, and offers the flexibility to identify an area of research that they can pursue with passion and commitment. Part of this flexibility stems from our faculty who have expertise in a wide variety of topics.

https://www.uoguelph.ca/socioanthro/ma-sociology

Program

Students have two options: complete four courses and a thesis; or complete six courses and a major paper. All students are required to master knowledge of sociological theory as well as qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Students must also participate in the professional seminar, which provides opportunities to enhance professional and practical skills related to their degree and beyond.

Research Fields

- Environment, Food and Communities
- Work and Organization
- Crime and Social Control
- Identities and Social Inclusion

Collaborative Specializations

All of our fields of research can be combined with a specialization in International Development Studies.

Admission Requirements

Students require a 4 year honours BA (or equivalent) with a B+ average over the last 2 years of study. They must also have a familiarity with the discipline of sociology, including a basic understanding of sociological theory and methodology. Two academic letters of references and a statement of interest are also required.

Funding

Students are guaranteed financial support through teaching assistantships and/or scholarships. Students also have the opportunity to participate as research assistants on various projects when available. Our students have used their MA degree as preparation for doctoral studies or to enter the labour market and pursue careers in government, with non-profit organizations, or in the private sector.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Applied Statistics
- Community Engaged Scholarship
- Cultural Sociology
- Neo-Marxism/Political Economy
- Gender Studies

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Teaching/Education
- Government/Research
- Corrections/Law/Courts
- Community Affairs
- Business/Communications

Application Deadline:
February 1st, 2019
Entry: Fall

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This program aims to prepare students for a career in research and teaching. The program is designed so that students will deepen and broaden their knowledge in sociological theory and methodology as well as in one of the four substantive fields offered. Students will also become highly independent sociological thinkers and skilled researchers capable of pushing the boundaries of knowledge in their chosen field.

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Program
Students are required to complete at least four courses during the first two semesters of study, including the PhD Professional Seminar, Advanced Topics in Sociological Theory and 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. Students will be given the opportunity to actively engage in the discipline through activities such as teaching and research assistantships, and the preparation and presentation of papers at conferences.

Research Fields
- Environment, Food and Communities
- Work and Organization
- Crime and Social Control
- Identities and Social Inclusion

Admission Requirements
Applicants are expected to have a recognized MA degree in Sociology with high academic standing (80% or higher). They are expected to have successfully completed Master-level courses in sociological theory, and qualitative/quantitative methodology courses in Sociology. Applicants must submit a statement of intent and two academic letters of reference.

Collaborative Specializations
All of our fields of research can be combined with a specialization in International Development Studies.

Funding
The University of Guelph is committed to providing a minimum stipend of $17,500 for all domestic and international doctoral students for a period of three years. Students are guaranteed financial support through teaching assistantships and/or scholarships. Students also have the opportunity to participate as research assistants on various projects when available.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:
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- Teaching
- Government (local and national)
- Philanthropy and non-profit organizations

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