The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is well established and has been offering a Master’s degree in Sociology since 1967. To date, over 500 students have been granted the degree. Their research has focused on a range of topics representing the breadth of the sociological spectrum. Our MA program provides students with the opportunity to become actively engaged in research, teaching and professional practice, and offers students the flexibility to identify an area of research and scholarly inquiry 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 including global agro-food systems, communities, and rural change; work, gender and change in a global context; criminology and criminal justice; as well as gender, diversity and social equality. In addition, students can combine an MA in Sociology with an MA in Collaborative International Development Studies.

Admission Requirements

Individuals interested in applying to our program require an Honours BA (4 years) or its equivalent and have typically completed courses that have provided them with a familiarity with the discipline of Sociology, including a basic understanding of sociological theory and methodology. Applicants must have at least a B+ average over their last two years of academic study. Applicants are required to submit two academic letters of reference and a well-focused statement of interest that outlines their research area. The deadline for receiving complete applications is February 1.

Degree Requirements

Students in our MA program have two options: (1) they must complete four courses and a thesis; or (2) they must complete six courses and a major paper. All students are required to master knowledge of sociological theory as well as qualitative and quantitative methodologies. In addition, all students must participate in the Professional Seminar that equips them with professional and practical skills related to their degree and beyond.

Our Students

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.

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