The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers a doctoral program in four fields within the discipline of Sociology that builds on current faculty strengths.

The field of Global Agro-Food Systems, Communities and Rural Change reflects sociological interests in food studies and agro-food systems, resources and the environment, community sustainability, rural-urban linkages, the transnationalization of labour regimes, and social movements in the rural context.

The field of Work, Gender and Change in a Global Context reflects sociological interests in changing patterns of work and employment in comparative contexts, precarious work, labour markets, gender and work, unpaid work, industrial and organizational change, economic restructuring and work, organizations and protest, education for work, and the regulation of work.

The field of Sociological Criminology reflects sociological interests in homelessness and marginalized peoples, violence against women, homicide, wrongful convictions, crime prevention through environmental design, policing, harm reduction and substance use/abuse, violent offending and victimization, and young offenders.

The field of Diversity and Social Inequality 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 on different forms of social identity and group mobilization within the context of various forms of social division (e.g., race, gender and class). The field also provides students with the opportunity to study native issues and policies related to multiculturalism, equity and local or regional autonomy.

The four fields of specialization can be combined with the collaborative PhD program in International Development Studies.

Program Overview

The main objective of the program is 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 three 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.

Students are expected to successfully complete four courses and two qualifying examinations, conduct independent research, and produce and defend a dissertation. 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.

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. Applicants are normally 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 applicants will have taken courses across the breadth of Sociology. Applicants must submit a well-focused statement of intent and two academic letters of reference.

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