

Master of Arts in Sociology

INTRODUCTION

The MA program in Sociology at Cleveland State University provides students with advanced instruction in the essential knowledge of the discipline and in the major social research skills, both qualitative and quantitative. The goal of the program is to produce students capable of doing independent research. The knowledge and skills acquired in the program can be applied in a variety of workplaces, including academic, business, governmental and non-profit settings. The MA program can also serve as preparation for doctoral studies in Sociology. CSU's location in downtown Cleveland offers easy access to a "natural laboratory" for conducting sociological research.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The MA program in Sociology requires 32 hours of course work. Students must take three "core" courses (Soc 640 – Sociological Theory, Soc 650 – Sociological Research Methods, and Soc 651 – Sociological Statistics). In addition, students must take a minimum of two 600-level substantive seminar courses and two additional graduate courses in Sociology. The program culminates with a research paper, in which the student designs, conducts, and writes an original research project under the supervision of

a faculty member. All courses are worth 4 credit hours. The required courses in the program and all 600-level seminars are offered in the evening only. The program can be pursued on either a full-time or part-time basis. Full-time students can complete the program in a minimum of three semesters.

RESEARCH

The MA program in Sociology offers students the opportunity to explore most substantive areas in Sociology, including Criminology, Race and Ethnicity, Gender, Urban Sociology, Sociological Theory, Medical Sociology, Social Gerontology and the Sociology of Work. Students work directly with Ph.D. faculty who are actively engaged in research and publication. Opportunities exist for students to collaborate with faculty on research projects, to attend conferences, and to present their own research. Students can also establish links with community agencies and research organizations while completing their graduate work. The Criminology Research Center, housed within the Department, provides additional opportunities for students to work on grant-funded projects.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students wishing to enter the program must have an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and a degree in Sociology (students with undergraduate degrees in

other social science disciplines can also be admitted if they have a background in Sociology). An undergraduate course in statistics is an essential prerequisite for the program.



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