



UNIVERSITY OF
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BOSTON

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Master's in Applied Sociology

Our Master of Arts (MA) Program in Applied Sociology is designed to help our students understand the social forces that shape their world and provide a foundation in the theories and methods used by applied sociologists. The program's applied focus integrates research approaches and coursework that emphasizes a wide range of faculty specializations. Our graduate students regularly present at conferences, publish in academic journals, and participate in grant funded research.

Our graduates are researchers, managers, instructors, policy analysts, and service providers in health care, social service, and criminal justice agencies and in corporate departments throughout the area. Many of our graduates have continued their advanced studies in PhD programs.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING GRADUATE SOCIOLOGY

- Development of analytical and research skills desired by research institutes, non-profit agencies, and government agencies.
- Intimate knowledge of the factors influencing social change.
- Preparation for leadership positions in policy development, health care, community development, veteran services, criminal justice, social service agencies, and think tanks.

In this program, you will:

- Develop advanced knowledge of sociological theories, research methodologies, and analytical tools
- Apply sociological perspectives and insights to contribute to the advancement of social justice, equality, and well-being
- Cultivate the communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that enable you to engage with diverse stakeholders, advocate for social change, and facilitate community engagement and participation

FACULTY AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Our faculty is an interdisciplinary scholarly community with varied intellectual interests and methodological approaches. Our faculty engages in innovative and grounded teaching and research that explores a wide range of social issues including, but not limited to, race and racism, power, poverty, politics, culture, migration, crime and justice, physical and mental health, gender, sexuality, interpersonal and group processes, and social transformation. With a strong commitment to research, our nationally recognized faculty guides students through an exploration of the human condition, globalization, culture, and the current issues that affect us all.



PROGRAM OF STUDY

Core Courses (credits in parenthesis):

- SOC 700 Intro to Grad Studies (1)
- SOC 604 Classical Sociological Theory (3)
- SOC 607 Contemporary Social Theory (3)
- SOC 609 Qualitative Methods (3)
- SOC 650 Methods of Research (3)
- SOC 651 Quantitative Methods (3)

One or both of the following:

- SOC 610 Teaching Sociology (3)
- SOC 698 Field Work (3 or 6)

Capstone

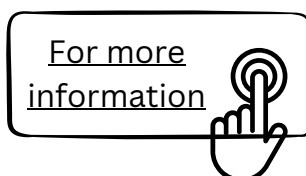
- SOC 694 MA Research Seminar (6)

Electives: 9 - 12 credits

Degree requirements: 37 credits

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

All students must complete a capstone requirement to demonstrate their mastery of the knowledge and skills required by applied sociologists. This requirement is satisfied by enrolling in a 6-credit seminar (SOC 694). The course is co-taught by two faculty members, one of whom primarily advises those working on qualitative projects and one of whom primarily advises those working on quantitative projects.



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A strong undergraduate record in sociology and related subjects
 - 3.0 and higher GPA
- Applicants who do not hold a BA in sociology should have at least 18 semester credits or the equivalent in undergraduate sociology or another social science field related to program objectives
- Successful completion of undergraduate courses in sociological theory, research methodology, and statistics preferred

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following to the Office of Graduate Admissions through the [online application portal](#) by the **application deadline: March 1 for fall admission**

Application Materials

- Official transcripts for all undergraduate and/or graduate programs attended
- TOEFL scores (if applicable)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
 - At least one of the letters must be a faculty member with whom the applicant is studying or has studied
- 1200-word statement on academic and career interests in applied sociology, including the applicant's desired specialization in the program
- Academic writing sample from coursework in sociology or related field
- Candidates for admission should indicate their interest for a graduate assistantship in their application
 - The MA program offers a limited number of assistantships. GAs receive a stipend in addition to tuition remission