

SOCIOLOGY, PH.D.

Requirements

The Ph.D. is a seventy-five semester-hour program, with forty-five semester hours beyond the master's degree. The Ph.D. hours include twelve hours of dissertation and six hours of supervised teaching. Students must successfully complete the requirements for the M.A. degree in the process of pursuing a Ph.D. Course work includes a standard set of courses (6 hours) in research methods and theory, as well as 36 hours of core courses in the appropriate area of emphasis. There is no foreign language requirement for this program. The Department of Sociology currently offers three areas of concentration:

- Community Analytics Concentration (Sociology, Ph.D.)
- Sociology of Religion Concentration (Sociology, Ph.D.)
- Health and Society Concentration (Sociology, Ph.D.)

COMMUNITY ANALYTICS CONCENTRATION (SOCIOLOGY, PH.D.)

The curriculum in community analytics brings together substantive seminars in community, demography, regional economic development, family, and population health, as well as hands-on practical training doing applied research for local, regional and state entities. Graduates are highly trained in mail, telephone, and web-based survey methodology, need assessment, interviewing and focus group research skills, demographic modeling, GIS, and the ability to use major statistical techniques and programs to analyze and interpret the results of such research.

Students in the community analytics concentration work at the Baylor Center for Community Research and Development (CCRD). The CCRD is a multi-disciplinary/method laboratory in which sociologists perform most of the research, while experts from varying fields lend their support. Students learn to apply sociological methods to real-life settings and gain an understanding of an exceptional model for relations between community and academia.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Courses		
Select nine semester hours from the following:		9
SOC 6303	Telephone Surveys	
SOC 6310	Mail Surveys	
SOC 5320	Seminar on the Community	
SOC 6345	Sociology of Regional Processes	
SOC 6317	Community Spatial Analysis	
Secondary Courses		
SOC 5V97	Seminar in Teaching	3
SOC 6314	Advanced Quantitative Analysis for Sociology	3
SOC 5390	Summer Writing Practicum in Sociology	3
Electives		15
Dissertation		
SOC 6V99	Dissertation	12
Master's Coursework		
Including 30 semester hours of M.A.		30
Total Hours		75

SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION CONCENTRATION (SOCIOLOGY, PH.D.)

The Department of Sociology at Baylor University is recognized for its distinction in training sociologists of religion. The curriculum in the sociology of religion concentration brings together seminars of substantive interest, advanced methodological training and independent research. Students are prepared to enter the academic job market through a hands-on process of professional socialization.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Courses		
Select nine semester hours from the following:		9
SOC 5341	Introduction to Sociology of Religion	
SOC 6332	The Sociology of Religious Organizations	
SOC 6336	Religion, Race and Gender	
SOC 6384	Religion and Family Life	
Secondary Courses		
SOC 5V97	Seminar in Teaching	3
SOC 5390	Summer Writing Practicum in Sociology	3
SOC 6314	Advanced Quantitative Analysis for Sociology	3
Electives		15
Dissertation		
SOC 6V99	Dissertation	12
Master's Coursework		
Including 30 semester hours of M.A.		30
Total Hours		75

HEALTH AND SOCIETY CONCENTRATION (SOCIOLOGY, PH.D.)

The health and society concentration focuses on understanding of how social forces and structures are linked to human well-being. As a transdisciplinary area of study, health and society infuses sociological theories and principles with allied work in public health, epidemiology, and gerontology. Social mechanisms are emphasized to illuminate the roles of biology, genetics, and stress in evolving levels of mental and physical well-being across the life course. Students learn to use advanced quantitative methods to address key population health issues.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Courses		
Select nine semester hours from the following:		9
SOC 5332	The Sociology of Health: Health Delivery Systems	
SOC 6351	Seminar in Population Health	
SOC 6357	Health Inequalities in America	
SOC 5354	Seminar in Family Sociology	
Secondary Courses		
SOV 5V97	Seminar in Teaching	3
SOC 5390	Summer Writing Practicum in Sociology	3
SOC 6314	Advanced Quantitative Analysis for Sociology	3
Electives		15
Dissertation		
SOC 6V99	Dissertation	12
Master's Coursework		
Including 30 semester hours of M.A.		30
Total Hours		75