SOCIOLoGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY
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Programs Offered


All master’s degree programs require a minimum of 50 percent of the non-thesis credit hours applied to the degree to be 400-level courses or above.

Sociology Program Requirements

The M.A./M.S. degree in Sociology requires a thesis. Additional requirements for this 38 hour degree include:

- 13 hours: SOC 440, 466, 471, 472, 493A01
- 9 hours: Sociology courses at the 400 level, excluding SOC 400, 473, 498, readings
- 4 hours: SOC 499 (master’s thesis)

The remaining 12 hours may be taken at the 300 or 400 level and may include up to six hours in related non-sociology courses and up to six hours of Independent Study or Readings with consent of the graduate coordinator.

Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence—Sociology:

The Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) sequence is designed for returned Peace Corps Volunteers and students with equivalent domestic or international experience with other agencies. This 38 hour sequence requires:

- 13 hours: Sociology Required Core: SOC 440, 466, 471, 472 and 493A01 (1 hour)
- 3 hours: SOC 461 or other 400-level
- 3 hours: SOC 400-level substantive seminar
- 15 hours: ACED core ECO 490A04, POL/SOC 470, POL/SOC 477, ECO/POL/SOC 478, and 5 hours of 498 or 498A90 (The sequence ends with a required 11-month internship arranged through the Stevenson Center.)
- A master’s thesis or a capstone project, with guidance from Sociology faculty. Four hours thesis (SOC 499) or capstone (SOC 497)

Anthropology Program Requirements

The M.A. and M.S. degrees in Anthropology offer five 33 hour concentrations including Biological Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology, Historical Archaeology, Japanese Studies, and Prehistoric Archaeology. However, in consultation with the Graduate Coordinator, and/or the Anthropology Graduate Committee, other concentrations are possible for a student who wants to design an individualized program using the courses of the University and the Department, and the expertise of the faculty.

The five concentrations require at least 18 hours of coursework (at least 50% of the non-thesis hours) at the 400 level in anthropology or approved courses in related disciplines. Specific course requirements include:

Biological Anthropology:

- 18 hours: ANT 350, 371 or 372, 386, 460, 498 (6 hours)
- 9 hours: electives at the 400 level
- 6 hours: ANT 499

Cultural Anthropology:

- 9 hours: ANT 302, 380, 460
- 12 hours of electives including 9 hours at the 400 level
- 6 hours: of a cultural/linguistic elective (at least 3 hours at the 400 level)
- 6 hours: ANT 499 (or 497 for ACED sequence only)

Historical Archaeology:

- 18 hours: ANT 386, 392, 460, 481 (6 hours), 488
- 9 hours: of electives including at least 6 hours at the 400 level
- 6 hours: ANT 499 (or 497 for ACED sequence only)
Japanese Studies:
- 15 hours: ANT 302, 307, 308, 380, 460
- 12 hours: at the 400 level
- 6 hours: ANT 499 (or 497 for ACED sequence only)

Prehistoric Archaeology:
- 18 hours: ANT 301, 386, 460, 481 (6 hours), 488
- 9 hours: of electives, including 3 hours at the 400 level
- 6 hours: ANT 499 (or 497 for ACED sequence only)

Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence—Anthropology:
The Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) sequence is designed for returned Peace Corps Volunteers and students with equivalent domestic or international experience with other agencies. This 37 hour sequence requires:
- 9 hours: ANT 302, 380, and 460
- 6-8 hours: electives
- 6 hours: ANT 497 (6 hours) or 499 (6 hours)
- 16 hour ACED core: ECO 490A04 (2 hours), POL/SOC 470 (3 hours), ECO/POL/SOC 478 (2 hours), and 6 hours of ANT 498 or 498A90 (The sequence ends with a required 11-month internship arranged through the Stevenson Center.)

Graduate Certificate in Anthropology Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Graduate Certificate
This certificate provides the specialized education and training that students need to understand GIS methodology and technology as applied field of study and data management. This certificate is intended to prepare graduates to meet the growing demand for GIS skills in academic research and other employment.

To earn the certificate students must complete the following:
- 9 hours: GEO 303, 304 and 305

Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Aging
A multidisciplinary program designed to offer a limited number of academically and professionally oriented graduate experiences in aging. The graduate certificate is located within the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in cooperation with the Departments of Family and Consumer Sciences, Psychology, Health Sciences, Communication Sciences and Disorders and the School of Social Work.

Certificate Requirements
Requirements for this 12 hour certificate include:
- SOC 411 Seminar in Gerontology (3 hours), to be taken after at least 6 hours of the other elective courses have been completed
- 9 hours of electives from among the gerontology related courses: HSC/FCS 394, PSY 303, COM 331, FCS 305, SOC 310

Experience in Gerontology: Each student enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Aging may negotiate with the certificate advisor in Sociology-Anthropology or the cooperating department for 3 hours of "experience" credit in gerontology. This may include, but is not limited to, 400 Independent Study or 498 Professional Practice in any department/program that is relevant to the Social Aspects of Aging. Each "experience" is expected to involve some focused writing and analysis assignments. This experience should ordinarily be permitted after other courses are completed, including SOC 411, Seminar in Gerontology. If the experience is of a "selected problems" type, a proposal should be approved by the Graduate Certificate in Social Aspects of Aging advisor no later than the fifth week of the semester.

Courses in Sociology (SOC)
302 ANIMALS AND SOCIETY
3 sem. hrs.
Examination of social relationships between human and non-human animals and the social meanings that condition the lives of particular species. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 semester hours or consent of the instructor or graduate standing.

310 MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Social distribution and social construction of illness; physician socialization; doctor-patient interaction; alternative medicine; structure of health care systems; biomedical ethics. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

311 ISSUES IN GERONTOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced treatment of selected subjects in gerontology. Multiple enrollments allowed if content differs. Prerequisites: SOC 211 or consent of the instructor; completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.
317 SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT
3 sem. hrs.
The social institution of sport is examined using the sociological concepts of social organization, culture, socialization, deviance, social stratification, minority groups, and collective behavior. Also offered as KNR 317. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.

318 CHILDREN IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
3 sem. hrs.
Exploration of global-scale trends, diversity, processes, power dynamics, and interventions related to children and their trajectories. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

320 GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
3 sem. hrs.
Survey of debates and theories regarding definitions, means, and consequences of “development” within poor- and middle-income countries; country case studies. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

330 SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
3 sem. hrs.
Examination of interactions between the social and physical environment and how social structures and individual actions impact the “natural world.” Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 or 108 is recommended.

331 SELF AND SOCIETY
3 sem. hrs.
Analysis of the micro-level relationships between the individual and society. Topics include social interaction, the self, identity, and emotion management. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

333 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY: POWER, CULTURE AND CHANGE
3 sem. hrs.
Critical analysis of institutional mechanisms and social processes through which political power is constructed, distributed, and maintained. Prerequisites: SOC 106 or 108. Completion of 75 credit hours or consent of the instructor.

338 SOCIAL INTERACTION
3 sem. hrs.
Examines the structure of social interaction in everyday and institutional contexts, and its role in the organization of social life, identities, and institutions. Also offered as SOC 338. Prerequisite: A minimum of 75 hours completed or consent of the instructor.

341 THE SOCIOLOGY OF GENDER
3 sem. hrs.
Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to explain gendered differences in social relations and life changes. Examines individual, interactional, institutional and social change processes. Prerequisites: A minimum of 75 hours completed or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 or PSY 111 is recommended.

342 SOCIOLOGY OF THE BODY
3 sem. hrs.
Explores the concepts, theories, and methods sociologists utilize to study the body in social life. Special emphasis on non-normative bodies. Prerequisites: SOC 106. Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.

350 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
3 sem. hrs.
The primary focus of this course will be to engage with the current debates, issues, and problems associated with higher education. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

361 URBAN SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Urban structure and dynamics, stressing human ecological theories, power, and cultural forces affecting architecture and social interaction. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

362 POPULATION
3 sem. hrs.
Dynamics of population size and change, including fertility, mortality, migration, composition, spatial distribution, family, and relation to resources in the United States and the world; application and policy implications. Formerly SOC 267. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.

365 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY
3 sem. hrs.
Delinquency as a social and legal problem; theories of delinquency, the juvenile court; prevention and treatment. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.

366 CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
3 sem. hrs.
Theories, methods, and research on social movements in the U.S. and on transnational social movements, including women’s movement. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 is recommended.
372 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
This course addresses current topics of sociological interest. Multiple enrollments allowed if content is different; maximum of 9 hours. Prerequisite: SOC 106 or consent of the instructor.

375 ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Explores how economic behavior is embedded in social structure (including political and cultural practices), and how economies are embedded in societies. Prerequisites: A minimum of 75 hours completed or consent of the instructor. SOC 106 or 108 is recommended.

400 INDEPENDENT STUDY
1-6 sem. hrs.
Refer to Index for General Courses.

411 SEMINAR IN GERONTOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced treatment of gerontological topic or issue explored by integrating classroom learning with intergenerational service-learning experiences. Multiple enrollments allowed. Also offered as SWK 411. Prerequisites: Graduate standing, 6 hours of other electives with focus on aging, or consent of the instructor.

440 INTERMEDIATE SOCIAL STATISTICS
3 sem. hrs.
Applied course in social statistics, emphasizing the use and interpretation of bivariate and multivariate statistical techniques, such as cross tabulations, multiple regression, and related techniques. Prerequisite: SOC 471.

461 READINGS IN SOCIOLOGY
1-3 sem. hrs.
A course for the graduate student who would benefit from a specialized independent type of study adapted to the student's background and needs. Prerequisites: Consent of the graduate coordinator and instructor.

466 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
3 sem. hrs.
An analysis of recent theoretical developments in Sociology. Attention will focus on a variety of social theories found useful in explaining social phenomena. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

467 LAW AND SOCIETY
3 sem. hrs.
Theories of law, and research on law in society. Attention to judicial and jury decision-making, legal structures, legislation, power, beliefs, conflict, and social change. Public, civil, and criminal law included. Formerly SOCIOLOGY OF LAW. Also offered as CJS 467.

469 SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced graduate study in sociological topics. May be taken up to three times if topic is different. See the following topics that may be offered. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

469A10 SEMINAR IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS/FAMILY
3 sem. hrs.
This is a graduate seminar on the scientific study of close relationships and attachments, particularly those in the family. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

469A13 SEMINAR IN SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE
3 sem. hrs.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

469A14 SEMINAR IN CLASS, POWER AND STATUS
3 sem. hrs.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of the instructor.

470 SEMINAR IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
3 sem. hrs.
The seminar will review the theoretical and applied literature on community development, investigating strategies in both domestic and international contexts. Also offered as POL 470.

471 QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN AND ANALYSIS
3 sem. hrs.
An in-depth exploration of quantitative methods, both data collection techniques and computer analysis. Design of quantitative research involving theoretical and methodological aspects of sociological problems. Prerequisites: SOC 275 and 271, or equivalent.

472 QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DESIGN AND ANALYSIS
3 sem. hrs.
An in-depth exploration of qualitative methods, both data collection techniques and data analysis. Design of qualitative research involving theoretical and methodological aspects of sociological problems. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.
477 COMMUNITY PROJECT DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT
3 sem. hrs.
Design, planning, and implementation skills for leadership of community development projects. Focus on applied research, group process, budget management, and grant writing. Also offered as POL 477. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in POL, ECO, or SOC, or consent of the instructor.

478 TOPICS IN ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING
2 sem. hrs.
Emphasizes skills needed for community and economic development domestically and internationally, including strategic planning, non-profit administration, and feasibility studies. Also offered as ECO/POL 478. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in ECO, POL, or SOC, or consent of the instructor.

491 INTERNSHIP IN COLLEGE TEACHING
3 sem. hrs.
Observation and teaching in the student’s major area with other experiences appropriate to academic involvement at the college level. Offered in cooperation with the student’s major department. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. Credit for the course is given in the School of Teaching and Learning (see TCH 491).

495 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced study in a specialized area of sociology. Multiple enrollments allowed if content is different. Prerequisites: Graduate status and consent of the instructor.

495A01 SPECIAL TOPICS IN SOCIOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced study in a specialized area of sociology. Multiple enrollments allowed if content is different. Prerequisites: Graduate status and consent of the instructor.

497 CAPSTONE RESEARCH IN APPLIED COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 sem. hrs.
Capstone requires utilization of knowledge gained from the master’s program to address substantive issues encountered during the professional practice experience. Prerequisites: SOC 440, 466, 471, 472.

498 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN SOCIOLOGY
1-6 sem. hrs.
Supervised professional experience relating to the student’s educational plan approved by the Sociology Graduate Committee and supervising faculty. Refer to Index for General Courses. Prerequisites: Completion of 18 hours in the Sociology master’s program.

498A15 STEVENSON CENTER ASSISTANTSHIP
1 sem. hr.
Supervised professional experience. Prerequisites: Completion of 18 hours in the Sociology master’s program.

499 MASTER’S THESIS
1-6 sem. hrs.
Refer to the Index for General Courses.

499A90 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FOR THE MASTER’S THESIS FINAL TERM
1-6 sem. hrs.
Refer to the Index for General Courses.

Courses in Anthropology (ANT)

301 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF PREHISTORIC MATERIALS
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced course that uses a combination of lectures and laboratory sessions to explore methods used in the analysis of prehistoric archaeological materials. Prerequisite: ANT 102. ANT 274 is recommended or consent of the instructor.

302 ETHNOGRAPHY
3 sem. hr.
Study of the techniques used to describe cultural practices and beliefs. Formerly ANT 285. Prerequisite: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.

303 LATIN AMERICA IN ETHNOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVE
3 sem. hrs.
Exploration of major trends in the anthropology of Latin America as examined through ethnographic case studies. Prerequisite: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.

307 JAPANESE DIASPORAS, CULTURE, AND IDENTITY
3 sem. hrs.
Advanced-level survey of globalization theories focusing on Japanese descendants living overseas and “returnees” to Japan as migratory workers.

308 JAPANESE COMMUNICATIVE STRATEGIES
3 sem. hrs.
Analysis of Japanese culture and society—both historically and contemporarily—via their language and communication. Prerequisite: One (two recommended) of the following: ANT/LAN/ENG 143; ANT 277, 294; ENG 243, 342; HIS 275; JPN 112, 115, 116, 231.
338 SOCIAL INTERACTION  
3 sem. hrs.  
Examines the structure of social interaction in everyday and institutional contexts, and its role in the organization of social life, identities, and institutions. Also offered as SOC 338. Prerequisite: A minimum of 75 hours completed or consent of the instructor.

342 SOCIOLINGUISTICS  
3 sem. hrs.  
Social significance of language variation: regional, social, ethnic dialects; attitudes towards variation. Multilingual societies, language choice, language shift, language planning. Also offered as ENG 342.

350 PRINCIPLES OF PALEOANTHROPOLOGY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Detailed study of human evolution, based primarily on the fossil record, and the processes and scientific principles applicable thereto. Formerly ANT 286. Prerequisite: A grade of C or better in ANT 102 or consent of the instructor.

370 ZOOARCHAEOLOGY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Foundations of zooarchaeology including identification techniques, analytical methods, and interpretation of animal bone assemblages from archaeological sites. Prerequisites: ANT 274 and completion of 75 hours, or consent of the instructor.

371 HUMAN OSTEOLOGY  
4 sem. hrs.  
Biology and anatomy of the human skeleton. Focus on identification and interpretation in forensic and bioarchaeological contexts. Prerequisite: ANT 102 or BSC 101 or 196, or consent of the instructor.

372 HUMAN PALEOPATHOLOGY AND SKELETAL ANALYSIS  
3 sem. hrs.  
Analysis of pathologies, physical traits, and measurements on human skeletons to reconstruct community health and life ways of extinct cultures. Prerequisite: ANT 102 or 371, or consent of the instructor.

373 ARCHAEOLOGY OF POLITICAL ECONOMY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Examination of historical and archaeological methods for reconstructing past political economies. Emphasis on past Latin American political and economic organization. Prerequisite: ANT 102 or 274 or consent of the instructor.

374 INTRODUCTION TO MUSEUM STUDIES  
3 sem. hrs.  
Examination of the history, organization, and administration of museums as well as methods of acquisition, preservation, and exhibition of artifacts. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.

375 LANDSCAPE ARCHAEOLOGY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Archaeological study of regions, including settlement patterns, natural and cultural environments, and ways humans are shaped by places they inhabit. Prerequisite: ANT 274 or consent of the instructor.

378 EVOLUTION AND HUMAN BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Study of the biological differences between human populations and the meaning of ‘race’ as it relates to modern human genetic diversity. Alternates with ANT 393. Formerly HUMAN VARIATION AND ADAPTATION. Prerequisites: ANT 102; a minimum of 45 hours completed or consent of the instructor.

380 KEY CONCEPTS IN ANTHROPOLOGY HISTORY AND THEORY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Anthropological thought from historical, systematic, and applied viewpoints; emphasis on changing content, concepts, methods of the discipline. Prerequisites: ANT 274, 277, 281, 350, and consent of the instructor.

381 ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL  
1-9 sem. hrs.  
Field instruction in methods and techniques of archaeological survey, excavation, preparation and preservation of materials, and record keeping. Materials charge optional. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. ANT 274 is recommended.

383 STUDIES IN SELECTED CULTURES  
3 sem. hrs.  
Culture patterns of selected areas. Physical characteristics, history, social, political, intellectual life, cultural change. Multiple enrollments allowed if content is different. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.

384 NORTH AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Prehistoric cultures of North America, from late Pleistocene to the occupation by Europeans. Development of cultural patterns traced; current problems examined. Formerly ANT 283. Prerequisite: ANT 102 or 274 or consent of the instructor.

385 MEDIA AND VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY  
3 sem. hrs.  
Intersection of visual media and anthropology: ethnographic film, ethics of representation, television and film ethnographies. Visual or written class project. Prerequisites: Completion of 75 hours or consent of the instructor.
386 ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEORY
3 sem. hrs.
Archaeological method and theory from 1800 to the present, emphasizing American archaeology. Prerequisite: ANT 274 or consent of the instructor.

387 ADVANCED TOPICS IN PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Intensive examination and analysis of current research questions and controversies in paleoanthropology, primatology and human adaptation studies. Multiple enrollments allowed if content is different. Prerequisite: Completion of one of the following: ANT 350, 371, 372, 378 or 393, or consent of the instructor.

392 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS
3 sem. hrs.
Examination of the identification, meaning, and interpretation of the material culture excavated and studied by archaeologists. Prerequisite: ANT 274 or consent of the instructor.

393 PRIMATE BEHAVIOR AND EVOLUTION
3 sem. hrs.
Concentrated examination of various aspects of the primates: their biology, behavior, evolution, and significance for understanding human nature. Offered even-numbered years. Alternates with ANT 378. Formerly PRIMATE STUDIES. Prerequisite: Completion of 45 hours or consent of the instructor.

400 INDEPENDENT STUDY
1-4 sem. hrs.
Refer to Index for General Courses.

460 RESEARCH DESIGN IN ANTHROPOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Fundamental theoretical and methodological aspects of designing research in anthropology. Analysis and interpretation of historical and anthropological data. Formerly RESEARCH DESIGN IN ARCHAEOLOGY. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

469 SEMINAR IN HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY
3 sem. hrs.
Intensive examination of current theoretical and methodological issues in historical archaeology. Prerequisites: ANT 388; graduate standing.

481 ADVANCED ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL
3-6 sem. hrs.
Advanced instruction in field methods and techniques that focus on excavation and surveying strategies, the development of scientifically sound research designs, field supervision, and the logistics of field project supervision. Prerequisites: ANT 381; graduate standing.

488 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ETHICS AND LAW
3 sem. hrs.
Intensive examination of current ethical issues involving the practice of archaeology and the nature and meaning of current laws regarding the excavation and study of archaeological sites and properties. Prerequisites: ANT 386; graduate standing.

497 CAPSTONE RESEARCH IN APPLIED COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
6 sem. hrs.
Capstone research utilizing knowledge gained from the master’s program to address substantive issues encountered during the professional practice experience. Prerequisites: ANT 302, 380, 460.

498 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN ANTHROPOLOGY
1-6 sem. hrs.
Supervised professional experience relating to the student’s educational plan approved by the Anthropology Graduate Committee. Refer to Index for General Courses. Formerly PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN ARCHAEOLOGY. Prerequisite: Completion of 12 hours in the Anthropology master’s program.

499 MASTER’S THESIS
1-6 sem. hrs.
Refer to Index for General Courses.

499A90 INDEPENDENT RESEARCH FOR THE MASTER’S THESIS FINAL TERM
1 sem. hr.
Refer to Index for General Courses.