Sociology and Anthropology (SOA)

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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)

Accelerated Master’s Degree in Anthropology: High achieving students who graduated with a degree
in ISU’s Accelerated Anthropology undergraduate program are allowed to apply up to 12 hours of approved graduate courses to both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Applied Community and Economic Development Sequence—Anthropology:
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- 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), POL/SOC 477 (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:
- 10 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:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/soc/
Courses in Anthropology:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/ant/
All Courses:
coursefinder.illinoisstate.edu/directory/