

**Department of Sociology**  
**Recommended Coursework Sequence Towards the Ph.D.**  
**for Students Entering with Baccalaureate Degrees**

**First Year** – Note: attending all departmental workshops is required (Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 PM)

Course Type - # of Credits

Fall

- Core Course – Sociological Theory CC – 4 of 17
- Core Course – Sociology as a Profession (required first semester course) CC – 1 of 17
- Elective in Sociology (or SOC 5811 if advised) SOC – 3 of 12 (0 of 12 if SOC 5811)

Spring

- Core Course – Advanced Social Statistics CC – 4 of 17
- Core Course – Sociological Research Methods CC – 4 of 17
- Core Course – Sociology as a Profession (required second semester course) CC – 1 of 17

**Second Year** – Note: attending all departmental workshops is required (Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 PM)

Fall

- Elective in sociology or an outside course SOC – 3 of 12 or OUT – 3 of 12
- Advanced Methodological Training AMT – 3 of 3
- Sociology of Higher Education (required only for students wanting to teach in the Department) PD – 3

Spring

- Elective in sociology or an outside course SOC – 3 of 12 or OUT – 3 of 12
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**Third Year**

Fall

- Core Course - Research Practicum CC – 1.5 of 17
- Elective in sociology or an outside course SOC – 3 of 12 or OUT – 3 of 12
- Elective in sociology or an outside course SOC – 3 of 12 or OUT – 3 of 12

Spring

- Core Course - Research Practicum CC – 1.5 of 17
- Elective in sociology or an outside course SOC – 3 of 12 or OUT – 3 of 12
- Elective in sociology or an outside course SOC – 3 of 12 or OUT – 3 of 12

**Fourth Year**

Fall

- Pre-Thesis Credits (while writing/defending Preliminary Exams) or PTC – 6 of 18 max.\*
- Doctoral Thesis Credits (if Preliminary Exams have been passed) DTC – 14 of 24

Spring

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- Doctoral Thesis Credits (if Preliminary Exams have been passed) DTC – 10 of 24

**Fifth Year and Beyond**

Fall/Spring

- Full-time Equivalent (FTE) credit registration (SOC 8444) or
- Place-holder registration (SOC 0999). FTE registration only becomes an option after completion of 24 Doctoral Thesis Credits. International students should consult ISSS before registering for SOC 0999.

\*Note: Students can register for more than 18 Doctoral Pre-thesis Credits (PTC) but only with written permission from Advisor and DGS.