

## Applied Sociology, MS – Non-thesis Track

Total: 37 Hours

### Required Course (22 Hours)

Course Number	Course Name	Hours	Notes
SOCI 5110	Proseminar	1	Offered in fall only
SOCI 5306	Sociological Theory	3	Offered in fall only
SOCI 5307	Advanced Statistics	3	Typically offered in fall only. Must complete 5307 before enrolling in 5308
SOCI 5308	Seminar in Quantitative Research Methods	3	Typically offered in spring only
SOCI 5309	Qualitative Methods	3	Offered in spring or fall (varies)
SOCI 5322	Impact Analysis	3	Offered in spring only
SOCI 5323	Grant Writing	3	Offered in fall only
SOCI 5320 OR SOCI 5388H	Seminar in Demography OR Advanced Statistics II	3	Offered in fall or spring (varies)

### Electives (15 Hours)

Min. of 9 SOCI Hours + 6 Hours open (in or outside of Sociology)

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**COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS:** Non-thesis students must take three written comprehensive exams on statistics, research methods, and sociological theories in their final semester. They must inform the sociology graduate advisor of their intention to take comprehensive exams before the second week of the semester in which they take the exams. Consult with the resources on the Tracs site about comprehensive exams.

Contact Dr. Patti Giuffre ([pg07@txstate.edu](mailto:pg07@txstate.edu)) or Lindy Warner ([mk34@txstate.edu](mailto:mk34@txstate.edu)) with any questions about the degree.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

**What if I was admitted conditionally?** If you were admitted **conditionally** and must take leveling courses, then you must contact Dr. Giuffre about creating those courses for you at the 5000 level. Some of the information below does not apply to those who are conditionally accepted and taking leveling courses in the summer or fall.

**How can I find a list of available courses? And how do I register?** The schedules of classes is posted under "University Registrar" (see [https://ssb.txstate.edu/prod/bwckschd.p\\_disp\\_dyn\\_sched](https://ssb.txstate.edu/prod/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched)). TO REGISTER: Register via CATSWEB. Find courses in the schedule of classes. Search for Sociology courses (or, for courses outside the major, use that search term), and graduate courses. Graduate courses are 5000 level and above. Undergraduate courses will not count towards your degree.

**What if I get a registration error or restriction?** Some of your graduate courses require departmental approval. You must contact the appropriate graduate advisor with your student ID, name of course, and the CRN (5 digit course code) of the course you want to take. Get department approval on your courses well before registration opens. Department approvals do not guarantee you a space in the class; it simply allows you to register for the class. Do NOT delay registration because some courses (particularly required courses) fill up very fast. Register as soon as registration opens. Departmental approvals are given in the order they are received.

**What courses should I take first?** Try to take as many core (required) courses as possible in your first two semesters. However, avoid taking three core courses in one semester.

**How many classes should I take?** Full-time course loads are 9-10 hours at the graduate level. Do not take a full course load if you are working full-time. Full-time workers should take 3 or 6 hours (1 or 2 classes). Never take more than 3 classes (unless one of the courses is the one-hour Proseminar; in that case, you may take 10 hours).

**Are there any online course options?** We have very few online graduate courses in our department. We have an MS in Dementia and Aging Studies, which is all online. Sociology MS and MA students may take some of the MSDA online courses IF they become available (typically a few weeks after the first day of registration) but they usually are filled with MSDA majors.

**Can I take classes over the summer?** Our department currently does not offer many sociology graduate courses during the summer. The summer is a great time to take courses in your minor or for your cognate (if available), develop a class paper into a conference paper, and/or read for your thesis (MA).

**I'm interested in taking courses that are not listed on the degree template, will financial aid cover these?** Financial aid **will not** provide funds for classes that are not a part of the degree plan. Again, ask Dr. Giuffre if you are unsure. Contact her before contacting financial aid.

**Where can I learn more about the program and my degree?** Read the handbook and the resources on the Sociology Graduate Students Tracs site . New students should read the handout that provides information for new students.