

## Ph.D. Degree Requirements

### Requirements for the Ph.D. Degree in Sociology

- A minimum of 72 semester credits (including Master's degree credits) is required for graduation.
- No more than 12 credits of 590 (special topics) may be applied toward the Ph.D. degree requirements.

### Required Courses

Although responsibility for determining the student's course work resides with the POS Committee, the Sociology Department requires all students to satisfactorily complete a list of core courses. Following is a list of the core courses for the Ph.D. program. A graduate course taken elsewhere does not necessarily substitute for the Ph.D. core requirements. The ISU Graduate College specifies that a course taken to satisfy degree requirements in which a student receives a C- or lower is not satisfactorily completed and must be repeated, unless a strong case for not repeating is made in writing by the student's committee and is approved by the Dean of the Graduate College.

Masters Degree Core Courses (can be waived if equivalent courses have been taken in a Masters program delivered by another university)

- Soc 506 (3 cr) Classical Sociological Theory.
- Soc 511 (3 cr) Intermediate Research Methods (prereq is Stat 401).

### PhD Degree Core Courses

- Soc 591 (1 credit) Orientation to Sociology.
- Soc 607 (3 credits) Contemporary Sociological Theory.
- Stat 404 (3 credits) Regression for Social and Behavioral Research.
- Soc 699 (8 credits) Dissertation Research
- One advanced sociology course in an area other than student's two concentrations (3 credits)
- One advanced methods course in sociology methodology concentration (3credits):
  - Soc 512 Sociological Measurement.
  - Soc 513 Qualitative Research Methods.
  - Soc 613 Advanced Theory Construction and Causal Modeling.