

Applied Sociology, P.S.M.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Learn more about the Professional Science Master's in Applied Sociology.

About the Program

The Professional Science Master's (P.S.M.) degree in Applied Sociology is designed to train research professionals in a wide range of social research methods and data analysis. Students take a set of core courses in research design, quantitative methods, qualitative methods, and research ethics, as well as additional methods courses as electives.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 3 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: The degree program can be completed on a full- or part-time basis.

Interdisciplinary Study: The program encourages students to participate in seminars in other social sciences, including Anthropology; Criminal Justice; Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies; Geography and Urban Studies; History; Political Science; Psychology; and Urban Education.

Affiliation(s): The program is affiliated with the American Sociological Association (ASA).

Areas of Specialization: The main areas of study are:

- Data Analysis
- Qualitative Methods
- Research Design
- Research Ethics
- Statistics

Job Prospects: Graduates of the program are typically employed as applied researchers in public and private firms.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: Students with a bachelor's degree may take graduate courses in Sociology without enrolling in a Temple University graduate program. A limit of 9 credits of graduate coursework taken prior to admission will be accepted toward a Sociology degree. Non-matriculated students should consult with the Graduate Chair before selecting their coursework if they plan to apply for the degree program.

Financing Opportunities: The Sociology Department does not offer funding opportunities for students enrolled in the P.S.M. program.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: March 1

Applications are evaluated together after the deadline has passed.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 3

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from college/university faculty members familiar with the applicant's academic competence, if possible.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A baccalaureate degree is required.

Statement of Goals: Approximately 500 to 1,000 words include your interest in Temple's program; your research goals; your future career goals; and your academic and research achievements.

Standardized Test Scores:

GRE: Required.

Applicants who earned their baccalaureate degree from an institution where the language of instruction was other than English, with the exception of those who subsequently earned a master's degree at a U.S. institution, must report scores for a standardized test of English that meet these minimums:

- TOEFL iBT: 100
- IELTS Academic: 7.0
- PTE Academic: 68
- Duolingo: 120

Writing Sample: The writing sample should demonstrate your ability to conduct research and write a scholarly paper. The paper may be on any topic, and no more than 25 pages in length. It must be fully referenced according to a professional and scholarly style.

Resume: Current resume or curriculum vitae required.

Transfer Credit: Graduate coursework in Sociology may be transferred from outside the university, provided that the credits were obtained no more than five years prior to the student's matriculation at Temple and the grades are "B" or better. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 6.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:

Number of Credits Required Beyond the Baccalaureate: 31

Required Courses:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		
SOC 8011	Logic of Inquiry	3
SOC 8211	Inferential and Multivariate Statistics	4
SOC 8221	Qualitative Methods	3
SOC 8241	The Ethics of Social Research	3
SOC 9211	Graduate Data Analysis	3
SOC 9241	Qualitative Data Analysis	3
SOC 9385 or SOC 9382	Internship in Social Research Independent Study Progm	3
Electives		6
Capstone Courses ¹		
SOC 8873	Writing for the Social Sciences	3
SOC 8883	Second-Year Research	0
Total Credit Hours		31

¹ SOC 8873 and SOC 8883 are taken concurrently.

Culminating Events: The Sociology Department evaluates students at the end of their second year based on two criteria:

- First, full-time students are expected to complete a Second Year Paper, which is due at the end of the Spring term of their second year. Part-time students are allowed to complete the paper within a year after finishing their required Social Theory and Methods of Inquiry courses. All students are responsible for recruiting two committee members to review and grade the paper, which is due the last day of classes in the Spring term. Students may work with their committee throughout the semester to ensure the paper aligns with expectations. Papers can be a journal-quality literature review, a journal-quality theory piece, a journal-quality empirical investigation, a grant proposal, or a research report akin to those put out by research organizations. Students then present their paper to the department. Their committee evaluates the paper based on the student's demonstrated ability to synthesize the relevant literature, conceptualize a research problem, and/or carry out a feasible research design. Both committee members must pass the paper. Any student who does not write a passing paper that term must do so the following semester. Those who are unsuccessful on the second attempt are dismissed from the program.
- Second, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better in the degree curriculum. Students apply for graduation in Self-Service Banner by accessing TUportal. Note the deadline for submitting the graduation application on the Graduate School calendar.

Contacts

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<https://www.temple.edu/academics/degree-programs/applied-sociology-psm-la-asoc-psm>

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