

SOCIOLOGY, M.S.

Saint Louis University's Master of Science in Sociology provides students with the analytic and administrative skills to advance in leadership positions in the public, private and government sectors. The program is distinctive in its blend of academic and practical skills.

Combining outstanding scholarship and practical experience, SLU's sociology faculty members are engaged in cutting-edge research and bring this expertise to the classroom to enrich the educational experience of students. Interdisciplinary faculty from sociology and public policy teach courses, integrating the theory, practical experience and empirical skills needed in 21st-century organizations.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's M.S. in sociology degree requires a total of 30 credits of graduate study with a minimum of 24 credits of coursework. The M.S. can be completed either through a thesis or non-thesis track. The thesis track includes up to six thesis credits while the non-thesis track includes six additional credits of coursework.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Through teaching, research and service, sociology students at SLU examine different ways people relate to one another through the organization of society and how it influences lives. SLU's M.S. degree in sociology trains students to identify and document insights into these social processes and structures in their careers. Students explore large- and small-scale organizations, families, beliefs and social classes with opportunities for hands-on experience in the St. Louis area.

Careers

Sociology graduates can pursue careers as market research analysts, nonprofit administrators, policy analysts or managerial and policy positions such as program evaluators, researchers, program directors or policymakers. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics listed the 2020 median annual salary for market research analysts as \$65,810, and employment of market research analysts is projected to increase by 18% by 2029.

Admission Requirements

Successful applicants possess 3.0 or higher GPA and sufficient TOEFL scores (for international applicants).

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)

- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
 - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
 - Practical laboratory work
 - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
 - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
 - Any honors or degrees received.
- WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.
- In order to be issued an I-20 for your F-1 visa application, students must submit financial documents. Proof of financial support that must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by the admissions committee members.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Graduate Tuition	\$1,370

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for a graduate assistantship, apply by the program admission deadlines listed. Fellowships and assistantships provide a stipend and may include health insurance and a tuition scholarship for the duration of the award.

Explore Scholarships and Financial Aid Options (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>)

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to critically assess sociological literature and sociological theories.
2. Graduates will be able to appropriately apply major research methodologies utilized in sociology.
3. Graduates will be able to apply the sociological imagination to the study of social issues in a broader societal context.
4. Graduates will be able to clearly articulate scholarly research activity, for professional and/or general audiences, in written, oral or visual formats.

5. Graduates will be able to evidence scholarly and/or professional ethical integrity in their research of social issues.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
SOC 5015	Quantitative Research Methods	3
SOC 5600	Research Methodology	3
SOC 5990	Thesis Research	6
SOC 6320	Organization Theory & Behavior	3
Concentration or Elective Courses		15
Select a Concentration or 15 credits from the elective list		
Urban Social Policy Concentration (p. 2)		
Health and Social Policy Concentration (p. 2)		
<i>Sociology Electives</i>		
SOC 5530	Urban Ethnography	
SOC 5540	Environmental Impact of City	
SOC 5550	Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations	
SOC 5610	Death Investigation	
SOC 5640	Demographic Methods, Analysis, and Public Policy	
SOC 5650	Principles and Methods of GIScience	
SOC 5660	Intermediate GIS	
SOC 5670	Spatial Demography – Applied Spatial Statistics	
SOC 5750	Qualitative Analysis, Grounded Theory Method	
SOC 5800	Survey Design & Sampling	
SOC 5850	Policy Evaluation and Assessment	
SOC 6100	Regression Analysis & Non-linear Models	
SOC 6200	Urban Social and Political Theory	
Total Credits		30

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Urban Social Policy Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 5540	Environmental Impact of City	3
SOC 5550	Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC 6200	Urban Social and Political Theory	3
SOC Electives (from list above)		6
Total Credits		15

Health and Social Policy Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
SOC 5550	Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC 5610	Death Investigation	2
SOC 5640	Demographic Methods, Analysis, and Public Policy	3
SOC 6275	Health and Social Sciences	3

SOC Electives (from list above)	4
Total Credits	15

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
SOC 5015	Quantitative Research Methods	3
SOC 6320	Organization Theory & Behavior	3
Credits		6
Spring		
SOC 5600	Research Methodology	3
Concentration Elective		3
Credits		6
Year Two		
Fall		
SOC 5990	Thesis Research (or Concentration Elective)	3
Concentration Electives		6
Credits		9
Spring		
SOC 5990	Thesis Research (or Concentration Elective)	3
Concentration Electives		6
Credits		9
Total Credits		30

Contact Us

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