

COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM: BA/MA SOCIOLOGY

Program Overview

The Department of Sociology offers a Combined Degree Program for undergraduate majors who would like to continue their education in the field. The program enables students to earn both Bachelor's and Master's degree in Sociology within five to five and a half years by counting some coursework toward both degrees. Students who are admitted to the program are able to take graduate courses during their senior year, with nine credits able to count toward both the BA and MA degrees. This allows for a considerable cost and time savings, and also helps our department retain and further our engagement with our best students. When available, GW students who transition from a GW undergraduate to graduate degree are eligible for the Grad2Grad program which allows for reduced tuition. (See <http://graduate.admissions.gwu.edu/grad2grad-program> .)

Students interested in applying for this Combined Degree Program should meet with Professor Fran Buntman, Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) in the Department of Sociology (fbuntman@gwu.edu; Phillips Hall 409G). Note: Applicants will be informed of acceptance into the program in late spring of junior year.

Program Requirements

Students interested in matriculating into the Combined Degree Program need:

- An overall GPA of 3.40 or better at the time of application;
- A GPA of 3.50 or better in the major at the time of application;
- To apply to the graduate portion of the program ideally no later than the spring term of the junior year and after completing 75 undergraduate credits;
- To complete both an application form for the Combined Degree Program and the formal application for graduate admission;
 - The application must include the applicant's statement-of-interest in the program, a writing sample, three confidential letters of recommendation*, a resume, full transcripts of all undergraduate coursework, and a CCAS application form available at <https://columbian.gwu.edu/sites/columbian.gwu.edu/files/downloads/Combined%20Degree%20Application.pdf>
 - *The three confidential letters of recommendation must be from faculty members, at least two of which must come from faculty in the Sociology Department at GW. (Letters from Graduate Assistants are not acceptable.) The confidential letters may be e-mailed directly to the Director of Graduate Studies (preferred) or provided to the candidate in a sealed, signed envelope.
 - Applicants are not required to submit GRE scores.
 - Students need not pay the application fee for the MA.
 - Students should submit all application materials to the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology, not to CCAS.

Applicants will be informed of acceptance into the program in late spring of their junior year.

For the graduate program, students:

- Must earn a “B” or better in all graduate courses.
- Must complete a thesis or comprehensive exam as required of all MA students in Criminology.

Students interested in applying for the Combined BA/MA Degree Program BA in Sociology should see Professor Fran Buntman, Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) in Sociology, for more details (fbuntman@gwu.edu; Phillips Hall 409G).

REQUIREMENTS OF COMBINED BA/MA IN SOCIOLOGY

Program Curriculum: BA

In addition to the **general curriculum requirements** of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology BA majors must satisfy the following requirements (39 credits total):

- Prerequisite Sociology Course either SOC 1001 or SOC 1002
- Required Courses in Sociology
 - SOC 2101 Social Research Methods
 - SOC 2102 Techniques of Data Analysis
 - SOC 2103 Classical Sociological Theory
 - SOC 2104 Contemporary Sociological Theory
 - SOC 4195 Senior Research Seminar
- Seven additional 2100-level courses in Sociology, including two from the SOC 2160s-2170s courses (see official department listings).

Program Curriculum: MA

The Sociology MA Degree must satisfy the following requirements (36 credit total):

- Three Methods courses: SOC 6230, SOC 6231 and either SOC 6232 or SOC 6240/MGT 6383.
- Two Theory courses: SOC 6238 and SOC 6239.
- Two Thesis courses: SOC 6998 and SOC 6999.
- A major field with a minimum of two courses and a minor field with a minimum of one course must be chosen from among the three fields of Social Inequality, Urban Sociology, or Criminology.
- In addition to the three major and minor field courses, two other departmental graduate courses are required. (Students may take one or two elective classes in other departments or in the Consortium with the permission of their advisor or the DGS.)
The major and minor fields, and most elective classes, are as follows:

MA curriculum continues on next page.

Program Curriculum, Field and Courses: MA (cont'd)

Social Inequality	Urban Sociology	Criminology
SOC 6245: Race Relations SOC 6246: Comparative Race and Ethnicity SOC 6248: Race and Urban Redevelopment SOC 6252: Selected Topics SOC 6263: Race and Crime SOC 6265: Women, Welfare, and Poverty SOC 6268: Race, Gender, and Class SOC 6271: Gender and Society SOC 6273: The Sex Industry SOC 6286: The Law of Race and Slavery	SOC 6248: Race and Urban Development SOC 6250: Urban Sociology SOC 6252: Selected Topics PSCI 6211: Urban Politics PSCI 6212: Urban Policy Problems GEOG 6243: Urban Geography	SOC 6258: Deviance and Control SOC 6259: Criminology SOC 6260: Special Topics in Criminology SOC 6262: Corrections SOC 6263: Race and Crime SOC 6264: Organized Crime SOC 6273: The Sex Industry