COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM: BA/MA IN SOCIOLOGY

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 a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in the major area within five 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, and 9 credits will 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.

Students interested in matriculating into the Combined Degree Program:

- must have an overall GPA of 3.40 or better at the time of application;
- must have a GPA of 3.50 or better in the major at the time of application;
- must apply to the graduate portion of the program no later than the spring term of the junior year and after completing 75 undergraduate credits;
- must complete an application form for the Combined Degree Program;
  - The application includes the applicant’s statement-of-interest in the program, a writing sample, three letters of recommendation, and full transcripts of all undergraduate coursework.
  - Three letters of recommendation from faculty members are required. At least two of these letters must come from faculty in the Sociology Department at GW. Letters from Teaching Assistants are not acceptable.
  - Applicants are not required to submit GRE scores.
  - Students apply to CCAS but 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.
- must earn a “B” or better in all graduate courses;
- must complete a thesis as required of all MA students in Sociology;
- will be informed of acceptance into the program in late spring of their junior year.

Students interested in applying for the Combined Degree Program in Sociology should see Prof. Ivy Ken, Director of the Graduate Program in Sociology, for more details (ivyken@gwu.edu, Phillips Hall 409H).
REQUIREMENTS OF COMBINED BA/MA IN SOCIOLOGY

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

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

The MA Degree requires each Graduate Student to choose one Major and one Minor in either, Social Inequality, Urban Sociology, or Criminology.

- 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.
- Two Major Field courses, one Minor Field course, and two other departmental graduate courses:
  - Social Inequality
    - 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
  - Urban Sociology
    - 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
  - Criminology
    - 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