

PHD PROGRAM PLANNING AND TRACKING

Instructions. Students and their advisor should meet every semester to plan and track student progress. Required courses on a set rotation are prefilled, students should record their elective courses in the spaces provided. The Director of Graduate Studies is your advisor until you identify another (usually the faculty you will work most closely with on your exam and dissertation). Use the following tables with the appropriate dates for your program.

Required:

SOC 512 Sociological research methods and design

SOC 501 Classical sociological theory

SOC 502 Contemporary sociological theory

SOC 526a Statistical data analysis in sociology I

SOC 526b Statistical data analysis in sociology II

SOC 514 Qualitative methodology

SOC 518 Teaching sociology

PhD students are required to take a minimum of 3 graduate seminars in sociology (500 level) in addition to required courses while in PhD program. Relevant seminars should be taken prior to substantive comprehensive review paper. PhD students may take readings (see handbook for details) and approved graduate level courses in other departments (syllabus/description must be submitted to Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) prior to term and approved) as long as other requirements will be met.

PhD students need a minimum of 24 hours in residency (in courses on campus) after admission to program and prior to candidacy. Only 6 hours of dissertation (Soc 600) may count toward the 24 hours in residence. Students may take only 6 dissertation hours prior to candidacy (any others will not count toward degree). Students are required to take 24 hours of dissertation hours in total.

Suggested timeline

1st year

Fall: coursework

Spring: coursework. Submit dossier to department for annual review.

2nd year

Fall: coursework, start to think about substantive comprehensive review paper

Spring: doctoral comprehensive exam in early January during break. Plan for substantive comprehensive review paper (alert DGS). One option (if pre-planned) is to take readings this semester and write paper during this semester.

Submit dossier to department for annual review.

Summer: readings for substantive comprehensive paper, write paper in summer, plan dissertation committee

- 3rd year Fall: If substantive comprehensive paper not completed, write it by end of fall semester (not likely to be DRA eligible). If completed, then work on prospectus (for defense in fall or early spring for DRA eligibility)
Spring: defend prospectus by early spring (for DRA eligibility), DRA application (due early to mid-semester, check annual deadlines) or by end of spring (not DRA eligible).
Submit dossier to department for annual review.
Summer: Data collection [or defend prospectus if not yet defended – try to avoid summer defenses]
- 4th year Fall: work on dissertation. Check relevant Graduate School deadlines for spring graduation, work on time-line with chair to ensure time for revisions, for 4 weeks for all members to read final draft, for defense, and for final revisions prior to Graduate School submission deadline.
Spring: Submit dossier to department for annual review. Apply for graduation, schedule defense, submit approved dissertation to Graduate School.

Students with an MA from our program may finish in three years especially if all PhD requirements completed during MA except the required 3 sociology seminars taken after admission to PhD program (see the handbook). That said, students must fulfill residency hours and dissertation hours (see above note).

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Course offerings and program planning/tracking for all **PhD students** (see notes based on year in program).¹

Fall 2013	Spring 2014	Summer 2014
Soc 512 (4) Soc 518 (3) _____ (___)	Soc 514 (4) _____(___) _____(___)	

Fall 2014	Spring 2015	Summer 2015
Soc 501 (3) Soc 526a (4) _____ (___)	Soc 502 (3) Soc 526b (4) _____(___)	

Fall 2015	Spring 2016	Summer 2016
Soc 512 (4) Soc 518 (3) _____ (___)	Soc 514 (4) _____(___) _____(___)	

Fall 2016	Spring 2017	Summer 2017
Soc 501 (3) Soc 526a (4) _____ (___)	Soc 502 (3) Soc 526b (4) _____(___)	

Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Soc 512 (4)	Soc 514 (4)	
Soc 518 (3)	_____ (___)	
_____ (___)	_____ (___)	

Fall 2018	Spring 2019	Summer 2019
Soc 501 (3)	Soc 502 (3)	
Soc 526a (4)	Soc 526b (4)	
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1. Minimum credit hours per semester for GAs = 8.
Minimum credit hours for Graduate Fellowships, Veteran's Benefits, SIUC Scholarships = 9.