Department: Sociology
Degree Objective: Master of Arts in Sociology

What can I do with this degree? What kind of jobs do people with this degree typically obtain?

Graduates of our programs have gone on to careers in an array of fields. According to the Sociology Department’s last two sociology “recent alumni” surveys, alumni reported working in the following areas: social services and agencies (24%); instruction and education-related work—particularly in local community colleges (17%); legal issues-related work (15%); organizations and labor-related jobs including labor organizing and human resources work (15%); counseling (12%); research firms (6%); and other discipline-related work such as NPOs (5%).

Will this master’s program prepare me for a Ph.D. program?

Yes, the Sociology MA Program provides a rich in theoretical and research methodology background that, among other things, helps prepare students for a PhD Program.

How do I apply to your graduate program?

You simply indicate “Sociology” as your intended program on your university application. We do not require anything in addition to what you are already doing when you complete the university application.

What is the GPA requirement for admissions into the program?

The Sociology Department has two admissions requirements in addition to University requirements. One admission requirement is a prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or better in a set of nine specified prerequisite courses or their equivalents. Prerequisites to admission are course equivalents to SOC 2010, 2100, 3100 either 3900 or 3910, 4120, and the four other most recently completed, upper-division* sociology courses not including independent supervision courses. Satisfactory equivalents will be determined by the Graduate Studies Committee in sociology. Applicants must have achieved a grade point average of 3.0 in this coursework. Applicants must also achieve a GPA of 2.75 or above in an additional 24 semester units of upper-division coursework* in the undergraduate program in addition to meeting university requirements for admission to graduate study.

* (If more than 24 additional upper-division semester units of coursework have been completed, those courses least relevant to the Sociology MA Program will be omitted from the GPA calculation).

Does your program require the GRE?

No GRE is required for the Sociology MA Program.
How many recommendation letters does your degree program require?
The Sociology Program does NOT accept recommendation letters from applicants.

Does your department require a personal statement?
The Sociology Program does NOT require a personal statement.

When do you accept students into your graduate program in Fall or Spring or both?
The Sociology MA Program only allows Fall admissions.

What are the admission deadlines?
May 31 is the deadline for applying to the Sociology MA Program.

You can find the University and Department Deadlines at this website:
www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines

What is the cost to attend graduate school?
You can find information regarding tuition and fees on the Student Financial Services website at
http://www.calstatela.edu/sfinserv/cashiers-office

Does your department offer any GA or TA positions? If so, what is the eligibility requirement to apply for a GA or TA position?
We offer the University GA positions in our oversized classes. The Sociology Department has GA applicants comply with university criteria for GA hires. In additional, GA positions in sociology classes require at lease 1 semester of MA Program experience (although this can be waived under exceptional circumstances); we also require that the Sociology MA Program Director and Sociology Department Chair approve the applicant based on Program performance, CV, and reference letters.

Is this degree program co-horted?
Yes, the 1st and 2nd semester required courses are largely serial, and therefore are taken at the same time by students entering together.

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enroll in 3 or 6 units per semester?
This is a 30 unit program. It would take 10 semesters (5 years) if taking only 1 class at a time—if the culminating project is also completed in a timely manner.

It would take 5 semesters 2 ½ years to complete if taking only 2 courses at a time—if the culminating project is also completed in a timely manner.

How long will it take me to complete the degree if I enrolled in 9 or 12 units per semester?
Full time is considered 8-9 units and the program is set up to take 2 years including well-focused culminating project efforts by students. We recommend taking 9-11 units for the first
three semesters (depending on culminating project requirements) and then concentrating on the culminating project and, perhaps, a final course in the final semester.

**Do you offer any Winter Intersessions classes or any classes during the Summer?**

No courses are offered for the MA Program during Summers, although it is often possible to do some supervision coursework in the summer.

**When are your graduate classes typically offered during the day or at night?**

ALL Sociology MA Program courses are offered once weekly in the 6:00-8:45 pm time slot.

**Whom can I contact in the department, if I have additional questions?**

The MA Program Director: Cristina Bodinger-deUriarte (through SU 2019).

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**Are there any additional resources or funding opportunities for graduate student at CSULA?**

The Sociology Department has a travel fund that offers partial reimbursement for students who are presenting their work as the Pacific Sociological Association (PSA).

For resources and funding opportunities, please visit the Graduate Studies webpage at [http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies](http://www.calstatela.edu/graduatestudies)