**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of Sociology supports the missions of the College of Arts and Sciences and the University in three areas: education, research and service. The Department fosters a community of sociologists, mentors students of sociology at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and provides general education for students throughout the University. Sociological knowledge helps students to understand how social structures and processes shape social life and how sociological analysis and empirical research are used as tools of understanding. The Department also encourages the research and professional development of faculty, contributes knowledge to the community of scholars and to the larger society, and provides service to the discipline, College, University, and extramural communities.

**OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM**

All of the students in the program acquire a general foundation in sociology, and some elect to complete a concentration in criminology. Other special interests may be pursued in particular substantive, applied, or cognate courses and extended in the writing of a thesis or completion of an internship. In the M.A. program you will develop your sociological imagination and the expertise to apply it in a variety of settings (e.g. careers in community college teaching, the social services, and applied research -in both the public and private sectors). Many of our graduates have continued their studies at the doctoral level and have established successful academic careers. The MA in Sociology offers a thesis and a non-thesis option. The thesis option requires 33 semester hours, including 6 hours of thesis. The non-thesis option requires 33 semester hours, including a 6-hour internship.

Applicants must submit all application materials required by The Graduate School by the appropriate deadline to be considered for Fall, Spring, or Summer admission.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS GENERAL SOCIOLOGY**

**Required Core Courses (12 hours)**
- SOC 593 - Thesis Seminar (3)
- SOC 615 - The Logic of Social Inquiry (3)
- SOC 616 - Advanced Research Methods (3)
- SOC 618 - Advanced Data Analysis (3)

**Area Courses from which (9) hours are selected**
- SOC 571 - Advanced Topics in Social Psychology (3)
- SOC 636 - Social Inequalities: Theory and Research (3)
- SOC 640 - Cultural Sociology (3)
- SOC 644 - Sociology of Globalization (3)

**Electives (6 hours)**
- With prior approval of the advisor, a student will select 6 hours from other 500- or 600-level sociology or social science courses in other departments.

**Comprehensive Examination**
- Successful completion of a thesis proposal or internship proposal defense satisfies the comprehensive examination requirement.

**Capstone Experience**
- Thesis Option (6 hours)
  - SOC 699 Thesis (6)
- Non-thesis Option (6 hours)
  - SOC 695 Internship (6)

**CRIMINOLOGY CONCENTRATION**

**Required Core Courses (21 hours)**
- SOC 593 - Thesis Seminar (3)
- SOC 615 - The Logic of Sociological Inquiry (3)
- SOC 616 - Advanced Research Methods (3)
- SOC 618 - Advanced Data Analysis (3)
- SOC 651 - Criminology (3)
- SOC 653 - Deviance and Social Control (3)
- SOC 655 - The Sociology of Law (3)

**Electives (6 hours)**
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**Comprehensive Examination**
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**GRADUATE FACULTY**

**Professors**
- Rebecca G. Adams, PhD, Friendship, popular culture, community, aging
- Kenneth D. Allan, PhD, Theory, culture, self, institutions
- Steve Kroll-Smith, PhD, Social psychology, environment, health
- William T. Markham, PhD, Stratification, non-government organizations, environmental sociology, globalization, voluntary associations, community
- James C. Petersen, PhD, Applied sociology, organizations, science and technology studies, medical sociology

**Associate Professors**
- Julie V. Brown, PhD, Sociology of health, Soviet and Russian society, occupations and professions, comparative and historical sociology (Head of Department)
- Shelly L. Brown-Jeffy, PhD, Sociology of education, race and ethnicity, research methods
- Steven R. Cureton, PhD, Criminology and the family (Director of Graduate Study)
- Gwen Hunnicutt, PhD, Gender and crime, violence and society
- Paul Luebke, PhD, Sociology of politics, social movements, social change, and comparative societies
- Stephen J. Sills, PhD, Globalization, international migration, visual sociology, evaluation research
- Saundra D. Westervelt, PhD, Sociology of law, crime and deviance, miscarriages of justice

**Assistant Professors**
- Mikhail Balaev, PhD, Globalization, democratization, political economic sociology, international political economy and quantitative methods
- Sarah C. Daynes, PhD, Cultural sociology, theory, ethnography
- Jennifer L. Hamil-Luker, PhD, Life course studies, crime, gender, health
- Arielle T. Kuperberg, PhD, Quantitative data analysis, family, demography, gender and work

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. One official transcript of the applicant’s academic record from every college and university previously attended. If credit from one institution has been transferred to another, a transcript from the original institution is not required. If an applicant is currently enrolled in a degree program and will not graduate prior to the admissions deadline, transcripts should be provided that reflect courses in programs. Prior to enrollment, a final, official transcript indicating the degree earned and date of award is required if admitted. Applicants whose degree is from a college or university outside the United States will be required to submit the transcript to a third party credential evaluation service recognized by UNCG.

2. Three letters of recommendation from former professors, employers, or persons well acquainted with the applicant’s academic record.

3. Official copies of appropriate test scores (GRE, GMAT, MAT). Scores are valid for five years from the time originally taken.

4. Any additional materials required by the Sociology department (e.g. personal statement letter and a writing sample).

All credentials must be in English and received by The Graduate School by the posted deadline.

Visit the graduate school website http://www.uncg.edu/grs

UNCG AT A GLANCE

Profile: UNCG is a public, coeducational, doctoral-granting residential university chartered in 1891. It is one of the three original constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina System.

Enrollment: More than 16,000 students (32% males, 68% female) from forty-nine states and more than seventy countries including more than 3,000 graduate students.

Location: UNCG is located in Greensboro, NC and is easy to reach by I-85 and I-40, Amtrak service, or the regional airport.

Campus Life: UNCG’s picturesque campus includes 30 academic buildings and 24 residence halls on 219 acres. Opportunities for students include more than 180 student organizations, sixteen intercollegiate athletic teams, intramurals, club sports, recreation center, campus golf course, student newspaper, student literary magazine, student radio station, music and choral groups, drama and dance performance groups, concert and lecture series, film series, internships, fraternities and sororities, community service, and a field campus for fishing swimming and canoeing.

Student/faculty ratio: 16 to 1

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