MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY (CRIMINOLOGY CONCENTRATION)

The mission of TWU’s sociology graduate programs is to provide sociological training primarily for non-traditional, female, minority and underprivileged students, though students from all backgrounds are welcome.

The objective of the sociology program is to produce intellectually well-rounded graduates capable of (1) analyzing human social groups and relationships between groups, (2) evaluating the influence of social factors on social situations, and (3) functioning effectively in either an academic milieu or a sociological practice setting.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours Required

Thesis Option: 30 semester credit hours, including 6 semester credit hours for thesis

Non-thesis Option: 36 semester credit hours

Thesis Option (30 semester credit hours)

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Electives

Select 9 semester credit hours (3 three semester credit hour courses) from the following:

- SOCI 6723 Sociology of Terrorism
- SOCI 6813 Criminology Theories
- SOCI 6823 Globalization, Crime, and Justice
- SOCI 6833 Comparative Criminology
- SOCI 6843 Deviant Behavior
- SOCI 6853 Contemporary Criminology
- SOCI 6873 Race, Crime, and Justice

Select 6 semester credit hours (2 three semester credit hour courses) from the following:

- SOCI 5643 Race and Ethnic Groups in the United States
- SOCI 5843 Feminist Theories
- SOCI 6203 Seminar on Research Methods
- SOCI 6363 Intermediate Social Statistics
- SOCI 6513 Global and Comparative Sociology
- SOCI 6523 Social Psychology Theory
- SOCI 6553 Social Stratification
- SOCI 6723 Sociology of Terrorism
- SOCI 6733 Health and Illness
- SOCI 6813 Criminology Theories

Non-thesis option (36 semester credit hours)

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Select 18 semester credit hours (6 three semester credit hour courses) from the following:

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Other electives may be selected, subject to approval by graduate advisor or advisory committee.

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Required
9 semester credit hours, 3 semester credit hours each in sociological theory, social science research methods, and social statistics.

Major/Emphasis
15 or 27 semester credit hours, depending on thesis option or non-thesis option.

Minor
Optional, 6 semester credit hours may be taken from another discipline to count toward the MA degree in sociology. Subject to approval by the department.

Final Examination
Written examination; may be repeated twice.

Faculty

Professors
KAPINUS, CAROLYN, Professor of Sociology; Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. B.A., Centenary College of Louisiana; M.A., Texas Tech University; Ph.D.,The Pennsylvania State University.

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WILLIAMS, JAMES L., Professor of Sociology. B.A., University of Georgia; M.A., University of Georgia; M.A.Ed., Western Carolina University; Ph.D., University of Georgia.

YANG, PHILIP Q., Professor of Sociology. B.A., Zhongshan University: China; M.A., University of California, Los Angeles; Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles.

Associate Professors
GULLION, JESSICA S., Associate Professor of Sociology. B.A., Texas Tech University; M.A., Southwest Texas State University; Ph.D., Texas Woman's University.

TILTON, ABIGAIL C., Associate Professor of Social Work; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. B.S.W., University of North Texas; M.S.S.W., University of Texas at Arlington; Ph.D., University of North Texas.

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BONES, PAUL D.C., Assistant Professor of Sociology. B.A., University of Oklahoma; M.A., University of Oklahoma; Ph.D., University of Oklahoma.

ROSA-DAVILA, EMARELY, Assistant Professor of Social Work. B.A., University of Puerto Rico-Humacao; M.S.W., University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras; Ph.D., University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras.