SOCIOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

Thesis Program Requirements
In addition to the successful completion of an acceptable master’s thesis, students who choose this option will take a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate work distributed as follows:

Requirements
SOC 501 Perspectives on Sociology 1 3
SOC 548 Graduate Special Topics: Qualitative Methods 1 3
SOC 551 Issues in Advanced Quantitative Analysis 1 3
SOC 552 Seminar in Classical Social Theory 1 3
SOC 553 Seminar in Sociological Research 1 3
SOC 599 Master’s Thesis 6

Select an additional 15 credits from 500 level Sociology course work to be taken in consultation with the sociology graduate student’s advisor.

Final master’s oral examination covering all general coursework and the thesis.

Total Credits 36

1 To be taken within the first 27 hours of graduate credit. A grade of B- or better is required to receive credit for each of these core courses.

Non-Thesis Program Requirements: Coursework Only
Students who choose this option will take a minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate work distributed as follows:

Requirements
SOC 501 Perspectives on Sociology 2 3
SOC 548 Graduate Special Topics: Qualitative Methods 2 3
SOC 551 Issues in Advanced Quantitative Analysis 2 3
SOC 552 Seminar in Classical Social Theory 2 3
SOC 553 Seminar in Sociological Research 2 3

Select an additional 21 credits from 500 level Sociology course work to be taken in consultation with the sociology graduate student’s advisor.

Final master’s written examination covering all general coursework.

Total Credits 36

2 To be taken within the first 27 hours of graduate credit. A grade of B- or better is required to receive credit for each of these core courses.

Admission Requirements
To apply for admission to the Sociology MA Program and the Graduate School, applicants must meet the following criteria and submit the following through http://prospective.nmsu.edu/graduate/apply/index.html

• Application form and fees
• An undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
• A record of professional, ethical, and collegial behavior.
• Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
• A well written statement of purpose from the candidate addressing graduate school objectives and interests.
• Three letters of recommendation describing personal qualities and achievements that suggest the applicant will be successful in the program. We prefer that letters of recommendation come from faculty members familiar with the academic work and professional conduct of the applicant.

Failure to meet any of the above criteria may result in the student not being accepted into our program. However, in cases when an otherwise outstanding student does not meet the GPA requirements, the student may be accepted provisionally into the program.

The GRE is not required for admission. Students may be required to take prerequisites prior to gaining admission.

For priority consideration, the deadline for application is March 15 for Fall admission.