

SOCIOLOGY - MASTER OF ARTS

Master's Accelerated Program (MAP) Guidelines

The Masters Accelerated Program allows academically qualified undergraduate students to complete up to 12 credit hours towards a master's degree during their junior and/or senior years while still completing the bachelor's degree. The courses only apply to classes they would take within the Master of Arts program in Sociology.

NMSU GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- Must have completed 60 hours of undergraduate coursework (minimum 25 hours at NMSU)
- GPA larger or equal to 3.00
- Complete MAP Referral Form

NMSU MAP REGULATIONS/STIPULATIONS

- Courses will count toward both degrees; they will show on undergraduate and graduate transcripts and count towards both GPAs.
- Graduate level courses included in the master's accelerated program are those courses numbered 5000 and above *or those chosen by the graduate academic departments.*
- Students must receive a grade of B- or higher in all MAP coursework to be counted as graduate credit.
- Students apply for the graduate program in their final semester or second to last semester of their undergraduate degree. Depending upon the deadlines set forth by the Department of Sociology.
- Acceptance of MAP credits does not imply acceptance into the Department of Sociology master's program.

Final admissions and acceptance into the graduate program are based on academic performance at the undergraduate level and completion of the eligible undergraduate degree.

- Tuition is based on the level of the student, not the course
- Students may become ineligible for MAP if their undergraduate or graduate GPA drops below 3.0
- Students accepted into the master's accelerated program must participate in the Developing New Scholars Program (DNSP), offered by the Graduate School.
- Students must be advised each semester for the MAP program by their potential graduate program and cleared for registration in graduate courses by the Graduate School.

How to Apply to the MAP Program:

1. A student may apply, or the department may invite students to participate in MAP.
2. *Departments accept students based on the Master's Accelerated Program requirements as set by the department.*
3. A Sociology graduate faculty member, Graduate Coordinator, or Department Head will forward the Master's Accelerated Program Referral Form to the graduate school.
4. Graduate School will hold the referral form until the student has completed their undergraduate degree.

5. The referral form will be used as part of the graduate school's final admissions into the master's program.
6. The following courses are eligible for the Sociology MAP Program:

MAP Courses

In accordance with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), CRRT.B.10.020.B1c, an institution may allow well-prepared advanced students to substitute its graduate courses for required or elective courses in an undergraduate degree program *and then subsequently count those same courses as fulfilling graduate requirements in a related graduate program that the institution offers.* A graduate program has the discretion to use up to 12 credits of NMSU Sociology coursework (5000 level or higher) that can be applied towards the completion of the master's program of study. Students must receive a grade of B- or higher in this coursework to be counted for graduate credit.

Accepted MAP Courses

The following courses are accepted for use in the Sociology MAP program; other courses may be considered after consultation with the Graduate Coordinator. An exception will need to be made to the degree audit for the additional course(s) to be included on both the Undergraduate and Graduate degrees.

Prefix	Title	Credits
SOCI 5110	Perspectives on Sociology	3
SOCI 5153	Seminar in Sociological Research	3
SOCI 5157	Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods	3
SOCI 5163	Issues in Advanced Quantitative Analysis	3
SOCI 5165	Foundations of Social Theory	3