



**UNIVERSITY OF
MASSACHUSETTS
BOSTON**

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT



Accelerated Master's Program in Applied Sociology

An accelerated master's program is available for eligible UMass Boston students interested in applied sociology. By entering this program, students can earn both a bachelor's degree in their field of interest and a master's degree in applied sociology in less time than it would take to get earn them separately.

Students interested in social service or research-related careers in healthcare, criminal justice, substance abuse, public affairs and urban planning, business, law, education, political science, or international careers should find this accelerated option supports and enhances their planned career path.

SAVE ON TIME AND MONEY

By taking graduate courses as an undergraduate student, your undergraduate tuition and financial aid will apply towards your graduate credits.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING GRADUATE SOCIOLOGY

- Development of analytical and research skills desired by research institutes, non-profit agencies, and government agencies.
- Intimate knowledge of the factors influencing social change.
- Preparation for leadership positions in policy development, health care, community development, veteran services, criminal justice, social service agencies, higher education, and think tanks.

MA CURRICULUM

Core Requirements

SOC 700 Intro to Grad Studies - 1 cr
SOC 604 Classical Sociological Theory - 3 cr
SOC 608 Contemporary Sociological Theory - 3 cr
SOC 609 Qualitative Methods - 3 cr
SOC 650 Methods of Research - 3 cr
SOC 651 Quantitative Methods - 3 cr

One or both of the following:

SOC 610 Teaching Sociology - 3 cr
SOC 698 Field Work Internship - 3 or 6 cr

Capstone: SOC MA Research Seminar - 6 cr

Electives:

9-12 additional credits of SOC graduate courses (6 credits may come from outside the department with MA Graduate Program Director approval)

Total credits: 37

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Accumulated 60 - 75 undergraduate credits (30 must be taken at UMB) no later than the second semester of junior year
- Regardless of undergraduate major, completed undergraduate coursework must include classes listed below. These courses may be taken during your senior year:
 - SOCIOL 101 - Introduction to Sociology
 - SOCIOL 201 - Sociological Theory
 - SOCIOL 202 -Research Methods
- Minimum 3.2 undergraduate G.P.A.
- Completion of the Writing Proficiency Examination
- For students with a major outside sociology, at least 18 credits must be in undergraduate sociology or another social science field (i.e., psychology, anthropology) related to program objectives

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The BA/MA students follow the same academic program as MA students once they complete undergraduate coursework.

- 103 undergraduate credits
- 37 graduate credits
- Internship or Teaching Seminar
- Capstone Research Paper
- Minimum 3.0 G.P.A.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Students keep their undergraduate status until all undergraduate program requirements are completed (120 credits and all major and general education requirements)

16 credits of graduate courses can count towards undergraduate *general elective credits*. Credits earned from MA courses cannot be used towards the undergraduate major, minor, or general education.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit the following to the Office of Graduate Admissions through the [online application portal](#) by the **application deadline**.

Fall Admission Deadline: April 1

Spring Admission Deadline: November 1

Application Materials

- Application Form
- 1200 - word statement of purpose
 - Explain academic and career interests in applied sociology, including your desired area of specialization
- One (1) academic writing sample from a course in sociology or a related field
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (one must be from a faculty member) from individuals acquainted with your interests and who are qualified to evaluate your potential for sustained graduate study
- All undergraduate transcripts

GRE is not required.

There is no application fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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