

Potential Long-Term Plan toward Sociology Ph.D. Completion

(Note: This is an indicative plan. Each student will chart a different path through the program. We encourage you to talk about your path with your advisor.)

Green cells denote required courses. Orange cells denote non-course requirements.
Light-shaded cells denote MS requirements. Dark-shaded cells denote Ph.D. requirements.

Year One: Begin Master's Degree Coursework; Define Thesis Topic

Fall	Spring	Summer
Soc 700, Proseminar, 1 cr	Soc 773, Classical Theory, 3 cr	Finalize thesis topic
Soc 361, Statistics II, 4 cr	Soc Grad Course > 700, 3 cr	Read about thesis topic
Soc 754, Qual Methods, 3 cr	A Working Group, 1 cr	Start thesis literature review
A Working Group, 1 cr	Another Working Group, 1 cr	
Total: 9 credits	Total: 8 credits	

Year Two: Complete Master's Coursework; Conduct Thesis Research; Begin Doctoral Coursework

Fall	Spring	Summer
Soc Grad Course > 700, 3 cr	Soc 362, Statistics III, 4 cr	Conduct thesis research
Soc Grad Seminar, 3 cr	Soc Grad Seminar, 3 cr	Analyze data
A Working Group, 2 cr	A Working Group, 2 cr	Participate in a conference
Total: 8 credits	Total: 9 credits	

Year Three: Continue Doctoral Degree Coursework; Write, Defend, and Deposit Thesis

Fall	Spring	Summer
Soc 750, Research Meth, 3 cr	Soc Grad Seminar, 3 cr	Finish and defend thesis
Soc 990, Thesis, 3 cr	Soc 990, Thesis, 3 cr	Study for and take prelim 1
A Working Group, 2 cr	A Working Group, 1 cr	Participate in a conference
	Another Working Group, 1 cr	
Total: 8 credits	Total: 8 credits	

Year Four: Complete Doctoral Degree Coursework; Begin Dissertation Research

Fall	Spring	Summer
Soc Grad Seminar, 3 cr	Minor Area Course, 3 cr	Study for and take prelim 2
Minor Area Course, 3 cr	Minor Area Course, 3 cr	Conduct dissertation research
A Working Group, 2 cr	A Working Group, 2 cr	Take oral prelim (discuss dissertation plans w/ advisor)
	Soc 875, Thesis into Article, 1 cr	Petition for dissertator status
Total: 8 credits	Total: 9 credits	

Year Five: Defend Dissertation Proposal; Begin Writing Dissertation

Fall	Spring	Summer
Soc 990, Dissertation, 3 cr	Soc 990, Dissertation, 3 cr	Participate in a conference

Year Six and Beyond: Write and Defend Dissertation; Conduct Job Search

Fall	Spring	Summer
Soc 990, Dissertation, 3 cr	Soc 990, Dissertation, 3 cr	Participate in a conference
		Finish and defend dissertation