LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

SOCIOLOGY
PhD IN SOCIOLOGY · MA IN SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology graduate programs advance sociological knowledge through research and teaching, and apply that knowledge to public issues. Our graduates are skilled researchers and teachers, and are prepared for a wide range of careers in academic, government, health care, business, and social service organizations. Our program has two broad concentrations: Urban Sociology & Public Policy, and Religion, Culture & Knowledge. We offer strong training in research methods, community-based research, and teaching. Building on the Jesuit value of *curia personalis*, or care for the whole person, we promote an inclusive community among faculty, students and staff.

PhD IN SOCIOLOGY
The doctoral program offers outstanding training in conducting independent research, and develops strong teaching and professional skills through close mentoring in a supportive and rigorous environment with a low faculty-to-student ratio. Students may specialize in research for academic or non-academic audiences, studying with award-winning faculty whose scholarship is oriented toward social justice. Of the forty PhD students who have graduated since fall 2012, eighteen have assistant professor positions, four have adjunct positions, seven are in research or consulting firms, and eleven are self-employed or in other positions.

MA IN SOCIOLOGY
The MA program features two tracks with close faculty mentoring and interaction with PhD students. The MA Applied Track requires an internship and either a portfolio or a thesis. It prepares students for positions as program directors or staff. The MA General Track requires a thesis and prepares students for positions as research staff as well as for application to PhD programs.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE	The PhD and MA degrees offer part- and full-time enrollment. *MA program median time to completion (from the BA): 2 years (full time), varies (part time)* *PhD program median time to completion (from the BA): 7 years (full time), varies (part time)* Online options are not available.
INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES	Internships and research opportunities are included as part of the curriculum. Students work with faculty to identify relevant internships through the Loyola University Chicago Center for Experiential Learning and the Center for Urban Research and Learning.
ACADEMIC & STUDENT LIFE	• Chicago offers a rich environment for studying sociology and addressing socially relevant issues. • The department and campus research centers offer colloquia series. • Student organizations and service opportunities are associated with the program. *The Graduate Student Association (GSA) promotes the personal, professional, and academic development of sociology graduate students. GSA sponsors a graduate student Works in Progress Seminar.* *Students may undertake community-based and service learning through the Center for Urban Research and Learning.*

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

MA program graduates work in public, non-profit, and community-based organizations where they carry out and evaluate social research. Doctoral program graduates work in tenure-track and other positions in colleges/universities, and as researchers and consultants in a wide range of organizational settings.

- To learn more about Career Services, visit **LUC.edu/career**.

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The graduate program offers outstanding training in a range of research methodologies, a supportive environment, and a strong commitment to developing and using knowledge to address issues of critical public importance. All students receive extensive training in qualitative and quantitative research skills including ethnography, in-depth interviewing, archival and media research, and surveys. Doctoral students also receive comprehensive teacher training.

Faculty work closely with individual students throughout the program, guiding coursework and student research projects. A pro seminar offered each year develops student writing, presentation, and professional skills.

Graduate faculty and students carry out high-quality research that is relevant to wider communities. Working through the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), faculty and graduate students collaborate with community organization leaders as equal partners in research projects.

FACULTY

The sociology faculty combine active research agendas with strong commitments to teaching and mentorship. Our faculty have excellent national and international reputations on the basis of their scholarship, and many also have ties to government and non-profit organizations in the greater Chicago area. They serve as leaders in their field, recognized for their contributions as recipients of many research, teaching, and service awards given at the university and national levels.

Areas of faculty expertise include urban sociology, health and medicine, applied and public sociology, immigration, religion, culture, race and ethnicity, political sociology, social movements, and inequalities.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at **fafsa.ed.gov**.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit **LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool**.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

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For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit **LUC.edu/gpem/info**.

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