

How to apply for your MA in Sociology: Instructions FEB-2021

Make sure you have met all of the course requirements and program milestones. See next page for a succinct overview of that information.

Go to “Graduate Division Forms and Applications,” <https://www.grad.uci.edu/forms/index.php>
Click “Advancement to Candidacy/final Degree Report-Master’s Degree Comp Exam” to access and download the form.

If you're ready to file for you MA, please do the following:

- Have your transcripts in front of you!
- Fill out the [Ph.D. Worksheet](#).
- Complete the student information at top of Graduate Division’s “Advancement” form.
- Be sure to check "Plan II (Comprehensive Exam) on the front.
- Mark the Quarter and add Year for which your degree will be conferred (e.g., if you are applying in Fall 2020, your degree will be conferred one quarter later in Winter 2021. Conferral date is one quarter after filing date.)
- On the left side toward end of first page, fill in the information for the required program courses you took or had waived (202A, 202B, 221A, 221B, 221C, 210A, 210B, 220A, and the course you took to fulfill your Advanced Soc Methods Elective).
- On the right side, list additional courses you took to bring your overall total minimum units for the M.A. degree to 37. (Units from waived required program courses do not count.)
- Enter a total number of units where it reads "Units Completed at Advancement." That number must equal or exceed 37 units as laid out above.
- Sign/date as Student on Page 1.
- Sign/date Page 3 as Student.
- Do not fill in any other portions of the form.

Please send your Advancement form, Ph.D. Worksheet, and an unofficial copy of your transcripts to the Co-Directors of Graduate Studies for review. Follow any instructions from Graduate Directors. The form will eventually require your Advisor to sign as well, so your Advisor should know you are submitting this form. Let Department Manager know if you have questions along the way with the form! Please note, once the form is sent to Social Sciences Graduate Office Associate Dean for signature, you will receive a notice from Jennifer Gerson to complete a MA Exit Survey. This is required even if you are continuing towards a Ph.D. If this is not completed, it will hold up conferral of your degree. Jennifer Gerson will prompt you when this needs to be completed.

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Requirements for a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Sociology

The graduate program in the Department of Sociology is designed for Ph.D. students. We do not accept students for the single purpose of acquiring a master's degree in sociology. However, the Department's doctoral students may obtain a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Sociology during the course of their doctoral studies by completing the following minimum 37 units of coursework and program milestones:

I. COURSEWORK

Required Courses*	Units
Graduate Statistics I (Soc 221A)	4
Graduate Statistics II (Soc 221B)	4
Graduate Statistics III (Soc 221C)	4
Proseminar I in Sociology (Soc 202A)	1
Proseminar II in Sociology (Soc 202B)	4
Classical Social Theory (Soc 210A)	4
Contemporary Social Theory (Soc 210B)	4
Research Design (Soc 220A)	4
An advanced sociological methodology course	4
Additional elective coursework	4
Total minimum units	37

II. PROGRAM MILESTONES

Second-year research paper - oral presentation
Second-year research paper - pass

*Certain courses may be waived through petition to the co-directors of graduate studies.