

# Sociology: MA

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is well established and has been offering a Master's degree in Sociology since 1967. Our MA program provides students with the opportunity to become actively engaged in research, teaching and professional practice, and offers the flexibility to identify an area of research that they can pursue with passion and commitment. Part of this flexibility stems from our faculty who have expertise in a wide variety of topics.

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## PROGRAM

Students may choose one of two study options: i) Thesis and complete a minimum of 2.0 credits (4 courses) ii) Major research paper as part of 4.0 credits of coursework (6 courses and a 1.0 credit major paper).

Students also participate in the professional seminar, which provides opportunities to enhance professional and practical skills related to their degree and beyond.

## RESEARCH FIELDS

- Environment, Food and Communities
- Work and Organization
- Crime and Social Control
- Identities and Social Inclusion

## COLLABORATIVE SPECIALIZATIONS

All of our fields of research can be combined with a specialization in International Development Studies.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students require a 4 year honours BA (or equivalent) with a B+ average over the last 2 years of study. They must also have a familiarity with the discipline of sociology, including a basic understanding of sociological theory and methodology. Two academic letters of references and a statement of interest are also required.

### Application Deadlines:

[See website for dates](#)

Entry: Fall



Alexa Avelar (2019 MA graduate) conducted research focusing on the experiences of other young women farmers. (Photo credit: Alexa Avelar)

## FUNDING

Students are guaranteed financial support through teaching assistantships and/or scholarships. Students also have the opportunity to participate as research assistants on various projects when available. Our students have used their MA degree as preparation for doctoral studies or to enter the labour market and pursue careers in government, with non-profit organizations, or in the private sector.

## FACULTY AND FACILITIES

There are currently 29 faculty in the department with backgrounds in Sociology, Anthropology, or a related discipline. The Department maintains Blackwood Hall, Room 214 as a common study space for graduate students.

The department has a computer lab for the exclusive use of Sociology and Anthropology graduate students. Research software (including NVivo, STATA and SPSS) are available for use in this lab. Other computer facilities are available both in the library, and in Computer Services.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Crime and Social Control
- Applied Qualitative or Quantitative Data Science
- Social Policy
- Internet, Technology, and Digital Sociology
- Social Equality

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Government / Research
- Corrections / Law / Courts
- Community Affairs
- Business / Communications
- Teaching / Education

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