**Current Catalog Language**

M.A. in Sociology with General Sociology Concentration

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**Prerequisites to Degree Program:** Prior undergraduate work in social theory, research methods, statistics, and writing is considered necessary for successful performance at the graduate level. [SOCI 3303](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%203303) (or an approved equivalent), [SOCI 3313](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%203313) and [SOCI 3423](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%203423) (or an approved equivalent) are required to eliminate deficiencies. Additionally, students applying to the criminology concentration must show prior undergraduate work in introductory criminal justice or criminology. [SOCI 3023](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%203023)/[CRIM 3023](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=CRIM%203023) (or an approved equivalent) is required to eliminate deficiencies for students pursuing the criminology concentration. Undergraduate deficiencies must be removed by taking the appropriate undergraduate courses during the first twelve hours of graduate work or the first time the courses are offered.

**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree:** (Minimum 32 hours.)

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| **Core Requirements:** | |  |
| [SOCI 5001](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205001) | Proseminar | 1 |
| [SOCI 5253](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205253) | Classical Social Theory | 3 |
| [SOCI 5311L](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205311L) | Applied Data Analysis Laboratory | 1 |
| [SOCI 5313](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205313) | Applied Data Analysis | 3 |
| [SOCI 5013](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205013) | Advanced Social Research | 3 |

**M.A. in Sociology with a concentration in General Sociology:** In addition to meeting all of the core requirements outlined above, students wishing to pursue a master’s degree in Sociology with a concentration in general sociology must complete the following courses:

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| **Required Courses** | |  |
| [SOCI 5263](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205263) | Contemporary Social Theory | 3 |
| [SOCI 5083](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205083) | Applied Qualitative Research | 3 |
| **Restricted Electives** | |  |
| Select two of the following: | | 6 |
| [SOCI 503V](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%20503V) | Special Topics |  |
| [SOCI 5043](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205043) | Public Policy, Children and Families |  |
| [SOCI 5113](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205113) | Seminar in Social Inequality |  |
| [SOCI 5133](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205133) | The Community |  |
| [SOCI 5153](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205153) | Sociological Perspective on Social Psychology |  |
| [SOCI 5233](https://catalog.uark.edu/search/?P=SOCI%205233) | Theories of Deviance |  |
| **Total Hours** | | **12** |

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The Department of Sociology and Criminology offers a thesis and non-thesis option. Completion of the program for all students is contingent upon passing a comprehensive examination covering major course work.

**Thesis Option:** Students must take 26 hours of course work and six hours of thesis credit. All M.A. candidates in this option are required to develop and present a prospectus of the thesis to their thesis committee. They must also write and orally defend their thesis, including research methods, theory, and the area of thesis concentration.

**Non-Thesis Option:** Students must take 32 hours of course work. Students must select an area of study as listed in the departmental graduate handbook. Under this option, students must take a written comprehensive examination in theory, research methods, and the area of study.

Students should also be aware of Graduate School requirements with regard to [master's degrees](https://catalog.uark.edu/graduatecatalog/degreerequirements/#mastersdegreestext).

**Revised Language for Catalog**

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**Non-Thesis Option, Comprehensive Exams:** Students must take 32 hours of course work. Students must select an area of study as listed in the departmental graduate handbook. Under this option, students must take a written comprehensive examination in theory, research methods, and the area of study.

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