

Ph.D. in Sociology

Students in this program will engage in empirical research to produce new understandings of social processes impacting the world in a unique and highly dynamic context. Research will be conducted via one of the three tracks that comprise the program: (1) Borders and Mobility; (2) Culture and Health; and (3) Environment and Society. This tripartite structure maximizes the synergistic talents of a highly productive faculty with a shared commitment to place-based research. Our interdisciplinary approach integrates, links and unifies a wide range of academic fields across campus and nationally.

The curriculum will begin with graduate-level class work and finish with independent research. Our curricular sequence and educational objectives will provide rigorous social science training and “real world” applications concerned with culture, borders, and transnational migration, and their social, environmental and health manifestations. Most of our faculty already teach research-intensive courses that provide opportunities for fieldwork and internships for graduate students.

Admissions Requirements

- A letter of intent and research interests
- Three letters of recommendation, and
- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- Applicants from countries where English is not the first language are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Please consult the graduate school (<http://catalog.utep.edu/admissions/graduate/graduate-student/>) website for required scores.

Degree Plan

Code	Title	Hours
PHD in Sociology		
Required Courses:		
Research Methods		
SOCI 6312	Quantitative Sociology	3
SOCI 6322	Qualitative Sociology	3
Theory		
SOCI 6328	Classical Theory	3
SOCI 6329	Contemporary Theory	3
Professionalization Courses		
SOCI 6310	Rsrch Proposal & Grant Writing	3
SOCI 6112	Applying for Jobs	1
Dissertation Hours		9
SOCI 6389	Supervised Research (Can be repeated for credit)	
SOCI 6398	Dissertation I	
SOCI 6399	Dissertation II	
Program Track		
Select one track from below (both courses in designated track are required)		6
Electives		
Select thirty hours:		30
Nine hours of elective courses must be related to the student's designated track		
SOCI 6301	Energy, Infrstrctr, and Env	
SOCI 6302	Global & Transntnl Scty&Ctr	
SOCI 6303	Global Env Chng-Social Inqlts	
SOCI 6306	Sociology of Disabilities	
SOCI 6307	Sociology of Disasters	
SOCI 6308	Health and Healthcare Policy	
SOCI 6309	Mapping Social Data with GIS	
SOCI 6311	Prof Development in Sociology	
SOCI 6313	Issues in Border Studies	
SOCI 6314	Migration and Mobility	
SOCI 6320	Seminar in Research Methods	

SOCI 6340	Seminar - Demography
SOCI 6341	Special Graduate Topics
SOCI 6355	US-Mexico Borderlands in Chang
SOCI 6360	Gender
SOCI 6363	Environmental Justice
SOCI 6364	Sociology of Health
SOCI 6381	Cartography & Visualization
SOCI 6389	Supervised Research (may be repeated for credit)
Cognate graduate courses from other departments at UTEP (with approval of director of graduate studies)	
Any graduate level language course appropriate to students area of research.	

Total Hours**61****Borders and Mobility**

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 6362	Border Research	3
SOCI 6316	Proseminar in Border Theory	3

Environment and Society

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 6363	Environmental Justice	3
SOCI 6305	Social & Envrnmtl Sstnblty	3

Culture and Health

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 6364	Sociology of Health	3
SOCI 6304	Health Disparities	3