

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

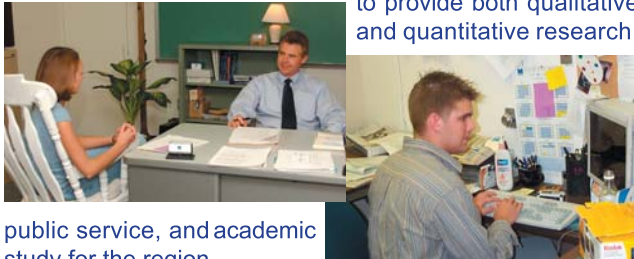
MISSION STATEMENT

Sociology represents a powerful perspective of the social world that recognizes the connections between personal experiences and large-scale social institutions. As faculty, our common purpose is the use of the "sociological imagination" in education and research for social justice and equality. We expect to create and share sociological knowledge and apply critical thinking skills to inform effective social policies. Come join us as we empower faculty and students with knowledge, skills, and commitment necessary to participate in building equitable, humane, and sustainable social institutions.

OVERVIEW OF OUR PROGRAM

The Master of Arts in Sociology allows options in four areas: (1) general sociology, (2) criminology, (3) gerontology, and (4) regional analysis and public policy. All options require basic courses in theory and research methods. The gerontology option requires a practicum in a professional setting.

IRAPP, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy, was established at in 1999 as a Kentucky Program of Distinction to help meet Morehead State University's responsibilities for providing applied research and organized public service to our service region. It's broader goals are to provide both qualitative and quantitative research,



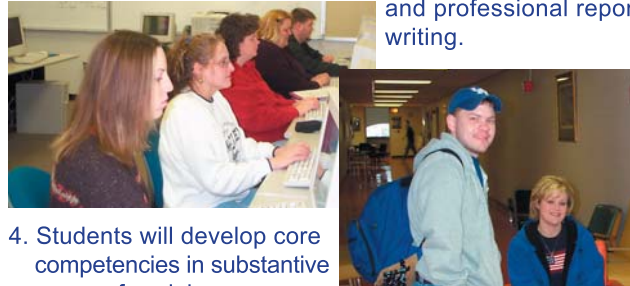
public service, and academic study for the region.

The department participates in a cooperative Master of Social Work degree with the University of Kentucky. All of the program courses are offered on the main campus site. The M.S.W. program, which is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, results in a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Kentucky.

PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

1. Students will be familiar with general theoretical and methodological strategies in sociology.

2. Students will be able to apply sociological analysis to a wide range of phenomena.
3. Students will learn techniques of theory construction, data analysis, basic and advanced computer techniques, and professional report writing.



4. Students will develop core competencies in substantive areas of sociology.
5. Students choosing the erontology option will develop a keen understanding of substantive knowledge in that area and also learn practical skills through intensive practicum experiences.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Satisfy general degree requirements.
2. All students must take (SOC 615) Sociological Research, and (SOC 650) Sociological Thought and Theory.
3. Completion of one of the four program options: general sociology, criminology, gerontology, or regional analysis and public policy

*** (The gerontology and regional analysis and public policy programs have additional requirements. Please check current graduate catalog for complete details.)*

DEGREE OPTIONS

Sociology - This option is designed to familiarize students with competencies relative to theoretical and methodological strategies in sociology.

Criminology - This option is designed to provide students with a substantive introduction to a variety of criminological theories and a clear understanding of the types of deviant behavior including institutional / corporate deviance and individual criminal behavior or violations of social norms.

Gerontology - This option will familiarize students with competencies relative to theoretical and methodological strategies in sociology in general and areas related to gerontology in particular.

Regional Analysis and Public Policy - This option requires a thesis and is focused on developing skills in applied research and social policy analysis.

ACADEMIC STANDING

All students pursuing the M.A. in Sociology must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Students falling below a 3.0 will be placed on a one semester probation period. Students failing to achieve a 3.0 GPA after one semester's probation will be dropped from the program. Any student receiving a grade of "C" in more than two sociology courses taken for graduate credit will be immediately dropped from the program.

COURSE OFFERINGS

- SOC 515 -- Family Dynamics
- CRIM 516 -- Working with Offenders
- SOC 525 -- The Community
- SOC 540 -- Gerontology
- SOC 545 -- Death and Dying
- SOC 555 -- Qualitative Research Methods
- SOC 560 -- Appalachian Culture
- CRIM 561 -- Sociology of the Law
- CRIM 600 -- Advanced Topics in Criminology
- CRIM/SOC 601 -- Ciminology Theory
- CRIM 602 -- The Realities of Prison Life
- SOC 603 -- Appalachian Sociology
- SOC 605 -- Mind, Self and Society
- RAPP 610 -- Idelogy and Policy Development in Applicachia
- SOC 615 -- Sociological Research
- RAPP 620 -- Economic Development
- SOC 620 -- Sociology of Education
- CRIM/SOC 625 -- Deviance
- RAPP 630 -- Graduate Seminar
- SOC 630 -- Social Inequality
- SOC 635 -- Organizations in



- Contemporary Society
- SOC 640 -- Social Policy in Aging
- SOC 650 -- Sociological Thought and Theory
- SOC 699 -- Thesis (supervised by faculty member)

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