

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN
SOCIOLOGY

The Ph.D. in Sociology program of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology ultimately rests on the fundamental assumptions and goals which the Department continues to subscribe to and strives to achieve. The description should thus begin with a restatement of those assumptions and goals.

Sociology is the study of society, in particular, of contemporary society in the throes of rapid social transformation. Anthropology, the study of humankind, is a quest for principles that underlie physical and cultural development from the earliest appearance on earth to the present. The Department's training of its sociology and anthropology students reflects the many interests these fields have in common. It also reflects a strong interest in applying sociological and anthropological perspectives to understand contemporary Philippine and Third World social issues. Among these are the crisis of development, the dwindling and degradation of natural resources, the irrational use of political and economic power, the globalization of social life, the widening of traditional institutions, and the fragmentation of consciousness – all of which exact heavy human costs.

It is the Department's contention that an appreciation of these social issues demands more than a knowledge of the technical requirements for improving people's welfare. More important are two qualities inherent in the sociological and anthropological imagination: a deeper understanding of larger social forces which perpetuate these inequalities, a sensitivity to cultural and cross-cultural aspects accompanying these phenomena, and an ability to apply this knowledge in concrete program settings. The Department expects its students to use the critical intelligence and skills acquired in graduate school to document social phenomena with scientific rigor, to assess prevailing and opposing ideologies of social reform, to offer alternative perspectives in comprehending the ongoing process of rationalization in society, and to make feasible suggestions for designs for enhancing people's welfare.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant to the program must have completed the M.A. in Sociology degree from the Ateneo, or an equivalent degree from another university. (See separate brochure for M.A. in Sociology program). This is the minimum formal eligibility requirement. The qualification of the applicant to enter the Ph.D. program will be determined the Department's faculty on the basis of the applicant's entrance records, academic performance in other programs, and (if considered suitable) a qualifying examination. All other existing requirements of the CHED and the Ateneo Graduate School not otherwise specified here also apply.

Students transferring from Ph.D. programs in other universities are welcome, subject to the eligibility requirements mentioned above. Further, only a total of 12 units may ordinarily be transferred from the student's previous program to the Ateneo program. This rule will not apply to students transferring from universities with which the Ateneo has existing formal academic agreements.

LINKAGES WITH UNIVERSITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Negotiations are going on to establish institutional linkages with other departments of sociology in universities abroad. When established successfully, these linkages should facilitate, among others, faculty and student exchanges and enrich in particular the Ph.D. program.

FOREIGN STUDENTS WELCOME

During any academic term some five to ten foreign students are enrolled for studies towards degrees in the Department's Masters programs. The Department extends the same welcome to foreign students who may be interested in pursuing the Ph.D. in Sociology degree.

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The Ph.D. in Sociology degree program is the most significant addition to the current programs so far. Its objective is to provide interested and qualified individuals a program of studies that will enable them to receive the highest academic degree in general sociology. The training required also reflects the Department's goal of providing students with the highest level of skills for analyzing social phenomena with scientific rigor, for assessing ideologies of social reform, for comprehending various perspectives on social change, and for searching for designs of programs enhancing people's welfare.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To help accomplish these goals, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers four graduate programs:

- The **Master of Arts, major in Anthropology** provides students with a thorough grounding in the theories and methods of anthropology, with an opportunity to specialize in such areas as cultural change, ethnology, and even more focused areas in social and cultural anthropology.
- The **Master of Arts, major in Sociology** gives students a firm grounding in the theories and methods of sociology, with an opportunity to specialize in such subject areas as social change, social problems, social organization, and even more focused areas as urban structures, gender relations, social inequality, and interpretative sociology.
- The **Master of Science in Social Development**, an applied social science program, gives students the practical, analytical, and theoretical tools to engage in social development work upon completion of their studies.
- The **Master of Science in Applied Sociology and Anthropology**, a revived program, responds to a need often expressed by the government and private organizations: personnel who are able to apply knowledge and skills from sociology and anthropology to practical problems. Thus the program is useful for: 1) individuals who are already directly involved in industry, rural and urban community development and planning, public health, social welfare; 2) teachers who wish to specialize in the teaching of social sciences rather than in a research center.

Additionally, the program is a response to the demand for Ph.D. training in sociology in the Philippines in the face of increasing costs of training abroad and the clamor for professional training in the country. It takes advantage of the presence of a competent faculty in the Ateneo campus and the University's access to other highly trained individuals outside, the library and other facilities that the University provides, and the Department's reputation for providing qualified students a high level of professional training towards a degree within an appropriate amount of time.

The program should thus be considered an opportunity for the interested and qualified to obtain the necessary training and the formal degree bestowed only on those who have undergone that training. It is for the interested, because only individuals with a genuine interest in and commitment to sociology as a field of study are likely to withstand the demands of the training involved. It is for the qualified, because the rules specified by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School, and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology must be satisfied both for entrance and graduation in the program.

The overlap between the Ph.D. program in sociology and the Master's program in cultural anthropology is consistent with the Department's belief that the interests of sociology and anthropology converge in many important domains, and that applying a combined perspective in analyzing Philippine and Third World issues would be more beneficial than applying a single-disciplined perspective. The Ph.D. in Sociology program thus builds on the current M.A. in Sociology, M.A. in Anthropology, M.S. in Social Development, and M.S. in Applied Sociology and Anthropology programs of the Department.

For applicants who have met the eligibility requirements mentioned above, the Ph.D. program requires 48 units of course work, distributed as follows:

- A. 12 units of the following three-unit courses:

Soc 301	Seminar in Sociological Analysis
SA 301	Seminar in Anthropological Analysis
Soc 302	Seminar on Issues in Sociological Theory
SA 302	Seminar in Advanced Research Methods

Plus the following additional subjects if the Department may deem to require these of some students who may need a stronger foundation in the contents covered. These subjects are also open to other students who may choose to enroll voluntarily in these otherwise other subjects may be substituted for them:

Soc 300.1	Proseminar on Methodology
Soc 300.2	Proseminar on Quantitative Analysis
- B. An additional 27 units from any of the current courses (200 level, provided these courses have not been credited for the Master's degree; or 300-level) in the following areas: Sociological and Anthropological Theory; Social Development; and Social Organization and Social Problems. In keeping with the Department's combined sociology-anthropology perspective, the student may elect to enroll in 12 of these 27 units in equivalent courses with "Anthro" or "SA" numbers.
- C. A total of 9 units taken in any of the cognate programs within the Department or in other departments in the University. With the approval of the Chairperson, they may be taken in another university on a cross-registration basis.

ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The Department may require, either as a condition to admission or after evaluation of the student's performance during the first semester of the doctorate program (in which case the decision will be announced not later than one month during the student's second semester), additional courses if these are considered necessary to bring the student's training to an acceptable level.

LANGUAGE COURSES

The Department may require proof of competence or training in another language besides English or any of the Philippine languages. Ordinarily, however, the students may complete an advanced statistics course (200-level or 300-level) in lieu of demonstrating competence in a foreign language.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

Upon completion of the course requirements the student becomes eligible to take the comprehensive examinations. These examinations consist of four parts, namely, theory, methods, and two areas of concentration.

DISSERTATION

A doctoral dissertation is required; the successful completion of this requirement will earn for the student 12 additional units.

THE TRAINING CYCLE FOR THE FULL-TIME STUDENT

On his/her first semester the doctoral student will enroll for Soc 301 and SA 301; as necessary, s/he will also enroll in Soc 300.1 and Soc 300.2. Otherwise, the student enrolls in any of the 200- or 300- level subjects from the offerings during that semester. (In consultation with the faculty advisor, the student should select the latter subjects with the end in view of preparing him/her for two substantive areas of specialization, as mentioned above). During the second semester s/he follows a parallel routine: s/he enrolls for Soc 302 and SA 302, and two other 200- or 300- level subjects.

On his/her second year, the student enrolls for 12 units each semester. This time, s/he will have completed all the required subjects; the aim is now to enrol in enough subjects to deepen the student's command of two particular areas of concentration at the same time that s/he broadens his/her command of the discipline as a whole.

The student then enrolls for the Comprehensive Examinations. Assuming that s/he completes these examinations successfully, the student proceeds to work on the doctoral dissertation.

The procedure for completing the dissertation requirement parallels that for the Master's thesis. That is, under the guidance of a faculty adviser, the student prepares and defends a dissertation proposal. When the proposal is approved the student proceeds to the dissertation research, analysis, and writing of the report. The faculty adviser decides when the draft of the dissertation is ready to be defended. In due course, the appropriate certifications are made, a panel of examiners is formed, and the student defends his/her dissertation.

It should thus be possible for the full-time student to complete the course work in four semesters or two academic years, and the comprehensive examination during the summer term immediately following (It is possible for the student to lighten his/her load some what by taking subjects during the summer term of the first year. For practical reasons, the Department makes no commitment to offering subjects during that time; normally, however, some graduate subjects are offered during the summer). Much of the third year may then be spent in preparing the dissertation proposal and working on the dissertation itself. Normally, the student should expect to spend a full year in the research and writing of the dissertation. Hence, in about three years and one summer the doctoral student should be able to complete the degree. By this time s/he will have earned a total of 60 graduate units distributed as follows:

Basic Subjects	12 units
Major Field of Concentration	27 units
Cognates/Electives	9 units
Dissertation	12 units
TOTAL	60 units