

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

The graduate program is a doctoral degree (PhD) program designed to prepare students for teaching and research careers in sociology. Students are awarded the M.A. Degree in the course of their work toward the Ph.D. Students admitted to the program with a Masters degree in Sociology are not awarded a second Masters Degree in sociology.

Substantive areas of specialization available to graduate students are *Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, Family and Social Psychology, Gender Studies, Organizations and Institutions, Political Economy and Global Social Change, Race and Class Inequality, and Sociological Theory.*

Students normally complete the core program in theory, research methods, and statistics during the first year of study; by the end of their second year have finished the MA; and, by end of their fourth year have completed their exams and begun work on their PhD dissertation.

Many UCR students present papers at professional conferences and publish scholarly articles with faculty during the course of their graduate studies. Students also take advantage of the five research units in the department that offer training in theory and methods in different substantive areas. Teacher training is also provided.

In addition, sociology graduate students participate in self-governance by electing representatives who attend faculty meetings, serve on departmental committees, and participate in campus and University-wide organizations. Because of the rigorous training they receive, UCR graduate students have had exceptional success in attaining academic positions following graduation. Recent graduate alumni have taken positions at such notable places as University of California, Washington State University, Texas A&M, Tulane University, Temple University, University of Massachusetts, and California State University.