



MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the scientific study of social relationships and individual and collective human action insofar as these are influenced by social forces. It consists of a body of related generalizations about human behavior and society guided by concepts and theories arrived at through scientific investigation.

The Master of Arts in Sociology offers training in three (3) areas of concentration leading to various lines or professional work. Specifically, the program offers courses leading to a Masteral degree in Industrial and Urban Sociology, Population Studies, and Social Problems.

To be considered proficient in the field of Sociology, the student must finish a total of 36 Masteral units which includes 6 units of thesis writing. The 36 units are distributed as follows: 15 units of courses related to Research Methodology, and 3 units of Design and Analysis and Statistics course. Fifteen units (15) are to be taken from other areas of concentration, and 6 units of thesis writing.

Objectives

1. To make MSU-IIT more responsive to the needs and problems of industrializing and urbanizing Southern Philippines by establishing a strong social science support at the graduate level.
2. To strengthen the Institute's leadership in the field of service and educational development in the region by spearheading an academic area of concentration in Urban and Industrial Sociology, Population Studies and Social Problems.
3. To develop fully educated individuals not only imbued with the skill of critical thinking in the analysis of social issues but also grounded on the human dimensions of values, ethics, traditions and customs.
4. To cater to the career advancement needs of teachers, leaders, employees, professionals and other social science practitioners in the region.
5. To enrich systematic information based on the dynamics of sociocultural, economic, technological changes in the Southern Philippines through sociological research studies.

Admission Requirements

1. An incoming MA Sociology student must be a holder of a Bachelor's degree in Sociology or its equivalent from any recognized institution of higher learning. Applications must exhibit high quality and integrity of intellect as determined through a) examination of undergraduate credentials, b) recommendations from two (2) former professors and/or recognized authority in the discipline or area of specialization, c) character references and d) interview of the application, or any other appropriate means.
2. Non holders of a bachelor's degree in Sociology or its equivalent may be admitted to the program, but are required to take the following 15 units of undergraduate courses:

Sociology 11 (or its equivalent) -----	3 units
Social Statistics -----	3 units
Sociological Theories -----	3 units
Research Methods -----	3 units
Any 1 major courses in Sociology -----	3 units
Total Number of units -----	15 units

Degree Requirements

To qualify for the MA Sociology degree, a student must have:

1. Completed at least thirty (30) units of academic course work in addition to six (6) units of required thesis writing with a grade point average of at least 2.00.
2. Passed the comprehensive examination given.
3. Successfully defended his/her thesis before the graduate school panel.

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY (MA SOCIO) (LIST OF COURSES BY SEMESTER)

First Year, First Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs./Wk.			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Socio 270	Sociological Theories	3	3			
Socio 288	Advanced Statistics	3	3			
Major	Any three-unit course of the chosen area of concentration	3	3			
Total		9	9			

First Year, Second Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs./Wk.			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Socio 271	Theory Construction	3	3			Socio 270
Socio 280	Research Methods I	3	3			Socio 288
Major	Any three-unit course of the chosen area of concentration	3	3			
Total		9	9			

Second Year, First Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs./Wk.			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Socio 281	Research Methods II	3	3			Socio 280
Major	Any three-unit course of the chosen area of concentration	3	3			
Major	Any three-unit course of the chosen area of concentration	3	3			
Cognate	Any three-unit course of the other areas of concentration	3	3			
Total		12	12			

Second Year, Second Semester

Course No.	Course Title	Units	Hrs./Wk.			Prerequisite(s)
			Lec	Lab	Total	
Socio 299	Masteral Thesis	6				All core courses and other required courses and Written Comprehensive Examination
Total		6				

*Required Core Courses

**May be taken from Anthropology, Communications, Community Development, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, History, Social Work, and/or on other areas of concentration in Sociology

SUMMARY OF COURSES

	UNITS
I. CORE CURRICULUM	15 units
Socio 270	3 units
Socio 271	3 units
Socio 280	3 units
Socio 281	3 units
Socio 288	3 units
II. AREAS OF CONCENTRATION	15 units
A. Major	12 units
1. Industrial and Urban Sociology (Any four of the following courses) Socio 215, 216, 226, 237, 239, 244, 246, 255, 260, 261, 272	
2. Population Studies (Any four of the following courses) Socio 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 274	
3. Social Problems (Any four of the following courses) Socio 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 226, 236, 251, 273	
B. Cognate	3 units
May be taken from Anthropology, Communications, Community Development, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, History, Social Work, and/or on other areas of concentration in Sociology.	

SOCIO 213 POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

A course on the analysis of philosophical and empirical works on power and authority and the political institutions which give them meaning.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 214 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION

The sociocultural foundations of education and its effects on individuals and societies will be explored here to be able to appreciate differences in learning, educational achievement and value system.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 215 ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

An analysis of economic life in pre-industrial and urbanizing societies, and an application of analytic models to account for activities relating to production and distribution of goods and services are the major subject areas in this course.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

CHANGE AND DEVIANCY

SOCIO 220 SOCIAL CHANGE

This course focuses on the theories of social change and empirical studies of determinants and consequences of change. Experiences of underdeveloped and developed societies like Japan, the U.S. and many countries in Europe will be carefully examined.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 221 DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

A study on the review and analysis of abnormal behaviors, including other forms of deviancy which are not necessarily pathological, and social controls used by society to enforce conformity to norms.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 222 CRIMINOLOGY AND PENOLOGY

A study on the correlates and typology of crime and its victims, and the mechanisms of legal sanctions to reduce the tide of criminality and anti-social acts.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 236 RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

This course is addressed to investigating the effects and policy implications of social contracts when the people's diverse racial and ethnic origins meet in a common locale.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 237 URBAN SOCIOLOGY

This course deals with comparative studies of urban communities; nature and consequences of urbanization.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 238 RURAL SOCIOLOGY

An analysis of village life and the world view as well as the microscopic view of the dominant social institutions in peasant societies and the changes that impinge on them.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 239 INDUSTRIAL SOCIOLOGY

A course that studies on the psychosocial effects of industrialization vis-à-vis man-work, man-man, and man-time relations. Social relations among workers affecting productivity and management and employee relations are the major topics covered in this course.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

POPULATION AND ECOLOGY

SOCIO 240 DEMOGRAPHY

An introductory course on the analysis of population structure and dynamics and their implications to the quality of life and human survival on earth.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 241 DEMOGRAPHIC METHODS

A course focusing on the methods and techniques of estimating vital population processes and the statistical tools used in making demographic data analysis.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

WORK AND OCCUPATION

SOCIO 260 SOCIOLOGY OF OCCUPATION

A course that analyzes the meaning of attitudes to work and occupations, as well as the historical and ideological underpinnings of vocational behavior, occupation prestige, and occupational choice.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 261 ENTREPRENEURSHIP

An examination of the environmental and social-psychological factors in the rise of entrepreneurship and the acquisition of entrepreneurial personality.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

THEORY

SOCIO 270 SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES

This course surveys and analyzes past and contemporary theories as revealed in the works of prominent sociologists and their conceptions of a model man or society.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 271 THEORY CONSTRUCTION

This course focuses on the mechanics of conceptualizing, developing, and testing research problems which are stated in theoretical terms. Model building and construction of scales, and linking theory and data under a deductive or inductive system are also included in its coverage.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 273 PERSONALITY THEORIES

A course that concentrates on the major schools of thought explaining personality differences and principles of behavior modification. Works of Lewin, Skinner, Dolgar, From, McClelland and others will be analyzed.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 274 POPULATION THEORIES

Theories of population from Malthus to the leading contemporary demographers will be evaluated in this course with special attention to the debate on the relation between population, economics and related issues.

Credit : 3 units
Prerequisite(s) : none

METHODS

SOCIO 280 RESEARCH METHODS I

An introductory course on the scientific approach in conducting social research, zeroing in on the theoretical aspects of problem definition, hypothesis testing, development of suitable indicators, and the techniques of data collection and data reduction.

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 281* RESEARCH METHODS II

Research proposal writing and practicum

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 282 SURVEY METHODOLOGIES AND DESIGN

A course that familiarizes the student to the types of data collection using non-reactive methods and other appropriate techniques of community analysis under uncontrolled conditions.

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 283 FIELD METHODS

An in-depth approach in conducting field investigations and application of research framework utilizing references other than the scientist's point of view is what this course tackles.

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 284 EVALUATION RESEARCH

The principles of assessing impacts of social and development projects through the use of social science research methods are the major focus of this course

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 285 ETHNOMETHODOLOGY

Non-mathematical models of social research and the ways of developing and applying them to right kinds of data are the contents of this course.

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

SOCIO 286 QUANTITATIVE SOCIOLOGY

A programmable introduction to the procedures and techniques of data analysis using computers and programmable calculators.

Credit : 3 units

Prerequisite(s) : none

