



Department of Sociology Graduate Program Planning Guide

(Effective Fall 2015)

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Time to Doctorate Policy

- Students must be advanced to candidacy by the end of four years*.**
- Normative time is six years.**
- Total university financial support cannot exceed seven years.**
- Total registered time at UC San Diego cannot exceed eight years.**

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YEAR ONE

Register for required first-year courses		Fall	Winter	Spring
Y E A R O N E	Theory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 201 Classical Sociological Theory • SOCG 202 Contemporary Sociological Theory 	SOCG 201____	SOCG 202____	
	Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 200 Intro/Foundational Methods • SOCG 205 Quantitative Methods I • SOCG 206 Quantitative Methods II 	SOCG 200____	SOCG 205____	SOCG 206____
	Graduate Proseminar Series (1 Unit S/U taken twice)	SOCG 208A____	SOCG 208B____	
	Qualitative Methods Courses (2 required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 203 Field Methods • SOCG 204 Text and Discourse Analysis • SOCG 207 Comparative-Historical • SOCG 227 Ethnographic Film: Media Methods 			SOCG _____
	Core Seminar Courses (3 required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 212 Social Stratification • SOCG 214 Urban Sociology • SOCG 216 Sociology of Culture • SOCG 222 Social Movements • SOCG 226 Political Sociology • SOCG 230 Adv. Approaches to Sociological Theory • SOCG 234 Intellectual Foundations of the Study of Science, Technology and Medicine • SOCG 244 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity • SOCG 264 Economic Sociology • SOCG 267 Sociology of Gender 	SOCG _____	SOCG _____	SOCG _____
Electives from any listed above or (1) course outside of the department is permissible (4 required)				

YEAR TWO

Y E A R T W O	Register for Research Practicum I and any remaining courses to fulfill methods/core seminar/elective requirement.	Fall	Winter	Spring
	Research Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 252 Research Practicum I 	SOCG 252_____		
	Qualitative Methods Courses (2 required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 203 Field Methods • SOCG 204 Text and Discourse Analysis • SOCG 207 Comparative-Historical • SOCG 227 Ethnographic Film: Media Methods 			
	Core Seminar Courses (3 required) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 212 Social Stratification • SOCG 214 Urban Sociology • SOCG 216 Sociology of Culture • SOCG 222 Social Movements • SOCG 226 Political Sociology • SOCG 230 Adv. Approaches to Sociological Theory • SOCG 234 Intellectual Foundations of the Study of Science, Technology and Medicine • SOCG 244 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity • SOCG 264 Economic Sociology • SOCG 267 Sociology of Gender 	SOCG _____	SOCG _____	SOCG _____
	Electives from any listed above or (1) course outside of the department is permissible (4 required)	SOCG _____	SOCG _____	SOCG _____
	Independent Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 298 (1-8 units) only available upon or near completion of program requirements; requires approval prior to registration. 		SOCG _____	SOCG _____
	Apprentice Teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 500 (2-4 units), only if you are a Teaching Assistant (TA) 			
By no later than Week 7 of Spring Quarter 2 nd year, students must identify a lead advisor and committee member for (2) research areas and submit a Field Exam Declaration Form to the Graduate Program Coordinator.	SUBMIT FIELD EXAM DECLARATION FORM			

YEAR THREE & FOUR

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		Take Research Practicum II; Defend Field Exams	Fall	Winter	Spring
Y E A R T H R E E	Research Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCG 253 Research Practicum II 	SOCG 253_____		
	Independent Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCG 298 (1-8 units) only available upon or near completion of program requirements; requires approval prior to registration. 	8 units S/U	12 units S/U	12 units S/U
	Apprentice Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCG 500 (2-4 units), only if you are a Teaching Assistant (TA) 			
	<p>By the end of Fall quarter 3rd year, student will schedule five-day period(s) to take the written portion of each field exam. Students set schedule with advisor and committee, secure rooms with Department Student Affairs Support Staff.</p> <p>Exams to be completed by no later than Week 7 of Winter Quarter 3rd year. You may have two five-day periods to cover both exams, the five-day periods are not required to be contiguous. Oral examination should be scheduled no more than one-week from completion of written exam. Field Exam Results Form should be turned in to the Graduate Program Coordinator.</p>		SCHEDULE FIELD EXAMS (2) FIVE- DAY PERIODS	COMPLETE FIELD EXAMS AND ORAL EXAM	
		Defend Dissertation Prospectus by end of Spring Quarter	Fall	Winter	Spring
Y E A R F O U R	Independent Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCG 298 (1-8 units) requires approval prior to registration. 	12 units S/U	12 units S/U	12 units S/U
	Apprentice Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOCG 500 (2-4 units), only if you are a Teaching Assistant (TA) 			
	Three Months prior to proposed date of the exam, students are required to constitute their dissertation committee with Graduate Program Coordinator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students set dissertation prospectus defense date with chair(s) and committee, secure room with Department Student Affairs Support Staff. Students must submit substantial draft of prospectus to committee and Graduate Program Coordinator one month prior to prospectus defense date. <p>Procure Advancement to Candidacy form from Graduate Program Coordinator prior to defense. On the day of defense make sure to have form signed by all committee members, once complete return form to Graduate Program Coordinator.</p>	DEFEND DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS		

YEAR FIVE, SIX, and BEYOND

YEAR FIVE				
Y E A R	Work on Dissertation; Meet with dissertation committee at end of 12 or 18 months.	Fall	Winter	Spring
F I V E	Thesis Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 299 (1-12 units) per advisor Apprentice Teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 500 (2-4 units), only if you are a Teaching Assistant (TA) 	12 units S/U	12 units S/U	12 units S/U
	A mid-dissertation meeting with the sociology members of the students' committee as a whole will be required 12-18 months after the dissertation prospectus defense. During this meeting, the candidate will be expected to give an account of their progress and receive feedback from the committee.	MID-DISSERTATION MEETING WITH FULL COMMITTEE		
YEAR SIX +				
Y E A R	Complete work on dissertation; defend dissertation	Fall	Winter	Spring
S I X +	Thesis Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 299 (1-12 units) per advisor Apprentice Teaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOCG 500 (2-4 units), only if you are a Teaching Assistant (TA) 	12 units S/U	12 units S/U	12 units S/U
	Once the dissertation is substantially completed and committee members have had the opportunity to review drafts of the written work, the committee meets at least one month before the defense takes place, with or without the student present, to consider the progress made and to identify concerns, changes to be made, or further work to be done. Once the committee members are substantially satisfied with the written work, the student, in consultation with the committee, schedules the oral defense of the dissertation. By university regulation, this defense is open to the public.	DEFEND DISSERTATION GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT (JUNE)		