DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY

SOCIOLOGY SPECIALIZATION

IN CANADIAN STUDIES

The School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies offers the following programs: Master of Arts (MA) and PhD in sociology; Master of Arts (MA) in anthropology. In addition, the School participates in the following collaborative programs: women’s studies (master’s level) and Canadian studies (doctoral level).

The MA in sociology is offered as a full-time and a part-time program, in French and in English. In English, the maximum number of annual admissions is fixed according to the procedure explained in the "Admission Requirements" section. In accordance with the University of Ottawa regulation, students may write their assignments, research papers, theses and examinations in either English or French.

Two options are available for the master’s program: the MA with thesis and the MA with research paper, to which admissible students may add the co-op option. Students in both options are eligible for admission to the collaborative program in women’s studies. For more information, see the section "Apply for Admission" (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/default.aspx?tabid=1624&Org=EBC).

The PhD in sociology is offered as a full-time program only, in English and in French. However, both required seminars are offered in French exclusively. The doctoral program aims to train sociologists capable of conducting research on the social relations that define the conditions of existence and the transformations of contemporary societies, while using the most up-to-date theoretical and methodological tools. The program’s two main fields of research are minorities and culture, and political sociology. Students in the doctoral program are eligible for admission to the collaborative program in Canadian studies. For more information, see the section "Apply for Admission" (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/default.aspx?tabid=1624&Org=EBC).

Because of its strength in relevant areas, its bilingual character and its location in the national capital, the University of Ottawa is uniquely positioned to offer a collaborative program leading to a specialization in Canadian Studies at the doctoral level. The program is especially designed for doctoral students in selected programs in the humanities and the social sciences who wish to enrich their training in a particular discipline by including an interdisciplinary component. The program is governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Professors in the School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies conduct research in a number of areas. For a more complete understanding of the breadth of research being undertaken at the School, students are encouraged to consult the list of professors and their areas of interest, which extend well beyond the fields of research mentioned above.

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Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements/) webpage.

To be admitted to the PhD program, applicants must hold a master’s degree in sociology (or equivalent) and have an overall average of at least 75% (B+), calculated in accordance with graduate studies guidelines. A student who has a master’s degree with the required average in a related discipline may be considered. He or she will be asked to take a number of additional master’s courses. The number of extra courses required is determined by the Graduate Studies Committee, upon examination of each candidate’s file.

Admission to the doctoral program also depends on the possibility of finding a supervisor and a committee specialized in the student’s field of interest.

In addition to transcripts and letters of recommendation, the application for admission to the doctoral program should include a letter that specifies:

- the proposed research area;
- the specific research topic for the doctoral thesis;
- the preferred supervisor;
- the candidate’s language skills (English and French). The applicant must also include a sample of written work.

All students must be able to read and understand texts written in French and in English. Students must indicate in their application the language in which they plan to take the majority of their courses. The School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies reserves the right to require a language test for either language.

For information on fast-tracking from the master’s to the PhD, see below.

Collaborative Program

The School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies is one of the participating units in the collaborative program in Canadian studies (PhD level only). This program was created to allow students to enrich their education in sociology by adding the interdisciplinary dimension of Canadian studies. The seminar (CDN 6520 or CDN 6910) is recognized by the School as part of the PhD degree requirements. Students enrolled in the collaborative program therefore do not have to take any additional courses.

To be accepted into the collaborative program, students must be already enrolled in at least one graduate course in sociology with Canadian content or must have already passed such a course. The degree of those who successfully complete the interdisciplinary seminar (CDN 6520 or CDN 6910) and a thesis with Canadian content will indicate a “specialization in Canadian studies.” For more information, see the description of the program posted on the graduate studies website.

Fast-Track from Master’s to PhD

Students enrolled in the MA program in sociology at the University of Ottawa who meet the condition indicated below may be allowed to transfer to the PhD program without completing the master’s thesis or research paper.

The conditions for transfer are as follows:

- successful completion of at least five graduate courses (15 units), with a minimum grade of A- in each;
During the first term, a thesis committee (consisting of three members, including the thesis supervisor) is assigned to the candidate. The composition of the committee is confirmed at the end of the first year. This committee (including a fourth member from outside the School) is responsible for approving the thesis proposal and comprehensive exam.

Minimum Standards
The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units), the thesis proposal, or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are withdrawn from the program.

Duration of the Program
The program is designed as a four-year program, and students are expected to complete it within four years. All requirements other than the thesis must be fulfilled by the end of the sixth term of enrollment. The maximum time permitted for completing the program is six years from the date of initial enrollment in the program, or seven years in the case of students fast-tracking from the master's to the PhD.

Thesis Advisory Committee
During the first term of the program, a thesis advisory committee (TAC) is formed for the candidate. The Committee’s membership will be determined by the specific interests of the candidate. It will be composed of the supervisor and 2 to 3 additional professors. At least one member of the thesis committee, in addition to the supervisor, must be from the Faculty of Social Sciences. The TAC is responsible for providing guidance to the student throughout the program, including course selection, the comprehensive examination, thesis proposal and thesis defense.

A meeting between the student and the Thesis Advisory Committee takes place at least once per term. The thesis examining board may include members who are not part of the TAC.

Research
Research Fields & Facilities
Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Social Sciences
The Faculty of Social Sciences represents a place of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is rich, innovative and varied, contributing to the depth of understanding and breadth of discussions on a variety of issues nationally and internationally. This research, whether it be fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented, is generated by our renowned expertise, ultimately culminating
in applications designed to influence individual communities and the betterment of society.

We have identified five research themes which collectively represent a large proportion of the research undertaken at the Faculty of Social Sciences:

- International Studies
- Francophonie
- Public Policy
- Health, Well-Being
- Justice, Society

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Social Sciences


For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information/) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

SOC 6101 Research Design in Sociology (3 units)
Training in advanced sociological research. Topics addressed are the relationship between theory and empirical research; identification of research problematics and the formulation of research questions; choosing a methodology. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 6501 Problématique de recherche sociologique (3 crédits)
Former les étudiants à la recherche avancée en sociologie. Seront abordés : le lien entre théorie et recherche empirique, la formulation d’une question et d’une problématique de recherche, la sélection d’une méthodologie. 
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7101 Citizenship and Rights (3 units)
Explores relationship between citizenship and rights, focusing on structural and discursive conditions of citizenship and struggles for recognition and equality. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7102 Migration and Mobility (3 units)
Explores different forms of international and internal migration and mobility, as well as the multiple factors that favour, channel, or circumvent the movement of populations. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7103 Sociology of the Environment (3 units)
Origins of environmental problems and conflicts; social theories of environmental degradation, controversies and disasters; perspectives on human-nature interactions. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7104 Social Networks and Social Relations (3 units)
Fundamental theories, epistemologies, methodologies of sociology of social networks. Operationalization of paradigms used in empirical research and their application in the analysis of different social dynamics. 
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7105 Sociology of the Family (3 units)
Sociological analysis of the family; household division of labour; parenting; family formation; the life course; intimate relations; family policies. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7106 The Life course and Generations (3 units)
Inter-generational dynamics; the life course; social, political, and cultural aspects of youth and lifecourse transitions; life stages as social categories. 
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7107 Sociology of Religions (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7108 Sociology of Health (3 units)
Discussion of significant social factors pertaining to contemporary experiences of health. Analysis of recent principal theoretical and empirical contributions to this domain. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7109 Francophonie, Language and Power (3 units)
Analysis of social group relations and linguistic practices relating to cultural affiliations and citizenship. Studies of contemporary research in this domain, particularly on the Francophonie in Canada. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7110 Contemporary Sociological Theories (3 units)
In depth examination of the main theoretical currents in sociology. 
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7112 Selected Topics in Contemporary Sociology (3 units)
In depth examination of an issue or question linked to new trends or research areas in sociology. 
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7113 Sociology of Culture (3 units)
Critical analysis of the range of sociology of culture theories; exploration of the role of cultural organizations; social movements; globalization of cultural practices. 
Course Component: Lecture
SOC 7114 Social Change (3 units)
Analysis of transformations, transitions, emerging social phenomena; social changes (macro and micro). Concepts, theories, case studies.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7115 Sociological approaches to data literacy, analysis and synthesis (3 units)
Identification, evaluation and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data published in various formats. Synthesis and presentation of the main empirical and sociological conclusions that can be drawn from the data analysis. Proficiency of spreadsheet and of Statistics Canada tools for the analysis of statistical tables.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7116 Research design, identification and synthesis of relevant data (3 units)
Prepare a research proposal in collaboration with a client; negotiation of a research contract (deliverables, calendar). Learning how to synthesize literature and data after having selected material relevant to the research goals. Managing meetings. Develop the capacity to produce meeting proceedings and briefing notes. Develop capacity for team work.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7117 Knowledge transfer for social action (3 units)
Use relevant data to inform social action by producing strategic guidelines, recommendations and tools for evaluation. Work in a team to write a 25-30 page synthesis document that satisfies requirements of a research proposal, under the responsibility of the professor(s) in charge of the course, and present the highlights in public. Write executive summaries and action plans.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7120 Sociological Epistemology (3 units)
Issues related to the social shaping of science; critical examination of sociological knowledge.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7140 Advanced Quantitative Methodology (3 units)
Overview of advanced methods of quantitative analysis of data, including multivariate analysis. Examination of use of these methods in the sociological literature. Application of these methods in a research project; definition of a research question and determination of a theoretical framework; selection of a quantitative approach, research ethics, development of data collection tools, collection of data.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7141 Advanced Qualitative Methodology (3 units)
Creation of a research project and selection of a fieldwork site appropriate for qualitative methodologies: definition of a research question and determination of a theoretical framework, selection of a qualitative approach, research ethics, development of data collection tools, collection of data, use of data organization software, vertical and horizontal analysis, submission of a final report.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7150 Interethnic Relations: Critical Examination of Theories and Research (3 units)
Principal sociological theories in interethnic relations, and the use of these theories in the analysis of the social structure of a number of multiethnic societies, especially Canada.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7151 Research Seminar in Interethnic Relations (3 units)
Overview and assessment of the main research findings in the area.
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7156 Gender Relations and Interethic Relations (3 units)
Examination of modes of differentiation according to gender, ethnicity, and race in contemporary societies and of the theoretical linkages among them.
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7160 Development: Critical Examination of Theories and Research (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7161 Research Seminar in Development (3 units)
Evaluation of research in the area.
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7166 Development: Gender Relations (3 units)
Deconstruction of the concepts of gender and development. International power relations and gender. Women in the global South and their theorizing of gender relations.
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7170 Political Sociology: Critical Examination of Theories and Research (3 units)
In-depth examination of the main concepts of political sociology such as power, the state, social classes, civil society, democracy, political space, political culture, and citizenship.
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7171 Research Seminar in Political Sociology (3 units)
Overview and assessment of the main research findings in the area.
Course Component: Seminar

SOC 7176 Gender Difference in Political Sociology (3 units)
Examination of the notion of gender difference, in relation, for example, to citizenship, the private/public divide, political representation, women’s rights, kinship, and power.
Course Component: Lecture

SOC 7501 Citoyenneté et droits (3 crédits)
Analyse les relations entre la citoyenneté et les droits, mettant l’accent sur les conditions structurelles et discursives de la citoyenneté; les luttes pour la reconnaissance et l’égalité.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7502 Migration et mobilité (3 crédits)
Analyse les différentes formes de migration et de mobilité qu’elles soient nationales ou internationales; les aspects sociaux qui favorisent, orientent ou encadrent les mouvements de populations.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7503 Sociologie de l’environnement (3 crédits)
Origines des problèmes et conflits environnementaux. Théories sociales de la dégradation, des controverses et des désastres environnementaux. Perspectives sur les interactions humains-nature.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7504 Réseaux sociaux et liens sociaux (3 crédits)
Fondements théoriques, épistémologiques et méthodologiques de la sociologie des réseaux sociaux. L’opérationnalisation du paradigme dans des recherches empiriques et son usage dans l’analyse de différentes dynamiques sociales.
Volet : Cours magistral
SOC 7505 Sociologie de la famille (3 crédits)
Analyse sociologique de la famille; division du travail domestique; parentalité; formation des familles; parcours de vie; relations intimes; politiques familiales.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7506 Les parcours de vie et les générations (3 crédits)
Rapports intergénérationnels, parcours de vie, aspect sociaux, politiques et culturels de la jeunesse et de la transition vers les autres catégories sociales.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7507 Sociologies des religions (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7508 Sociologie de la santé (3 crédits)
Discussions de grands enjeux sociaux qui entourent la santé dans le monde contemporain. Analyse des principales contributions théoriques.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7509 Francophonie, langues et pouvoir (3 crédits)
Analyse des relations entre groupes sociaux et des pratiques linguistiques en lien avec l’appartenance culturelle et l’inclusion citoyenne. Études des travaux contemporains dans ce domaine, notamment les travaux sur la francophonie canadienne.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7510 Théories sociologiques contemporaines (3 crédits)
Examen approfondi des principaux courants théoriques sociologiques.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7512 Thèmes en sociologie contemporaine (3 crédits)
Analyse approfondie d’une problématique ou d’une question liée aux nouvelles tendances en recherche ou aux nouveaux thèmes de recherche.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7513 Sociologie de la culture (3 crédits)
Analyse critique des diverses théories sociologiques de la culture et du rôle de celle-ci dans l’organisation du monde social contemporain : revendications culturelles, mondialisation des pratiques culturelles.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7514 Changement social (3 crédits)
Analyse des transformations, transitions, formes de vie sociale émergentes, changements sociaux (macro et micro). Concepts, théories, études de cas.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7515 Lecture, analyse et synthèse des données à caractère sociologique (3 crédits)
Identification, évaluation et analyse des données qualitatives et quantitatives publiées sous une forme ou l’autre. Synthétiser et présenter les principales conclusions empiriques et sociologiques qu’on peut tirer de leur analyse. Maîtrise d’un tableur et des outils de Statistiques Canada pour l’analyse des tableaux statistiques.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7516 Élaboration d’un devis de recherche, identification et synthèse des données pertinentes (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7517 Mobilisation et transfert des connaissances pour l’action sociale (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7520 Épistémologie sociologique (3 crédits)
Problèmes de la détermination sociale de la science et examen critique de la connaissance sociologique.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7540 Méthodologie quantitative avancée (3 crédits)
Apprentissage des méthodes avancées d’analyse quantitative des données, notamment, les analyses multivariées. L’emploi de ces méthodes dans la littérature sociologique. Applications et projet de recherche; établissement d’une problématique et d’un cadre théorique, choix d’une approche quantitative, éthique de la recherche, construction d’outils de collecte de données.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7541 Méthodologie qualitative avancée (3 crédits)
Modélisation d’un projet de recherche et terrain d’enquête selon la méthodologie qualitative : établissement d’une problématique et d’un cadre théorique, choix d’une approche qualitative, éthique de la recherche, construction d’outils de collecte de données, collecte, systématisation des données à l’aide de logiciels, analyses verticales et horizontales, rédaction d’un rapport final.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7550 Relations interethniques : Examen critique des théories et des recherches (3 crédits)
Principales théories sociologiques des relations interethniques; l’application de ces théories dans l’analyse de la structure sociale de quelques sociétés multiethniques, notamment le Canada.
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7551 Séminaire de recherche en relations interethniques (3 crédits)
Évaluation des recherches dans le domaine.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7556 Rapports sociaux de sexes et minorisation (3 crédits)
Examen des modes de différenciation selon le sexe, l’ethnie et la race dans les sociétés contemporaines et leur articulation théorique.
Volet : Cours magistral

SOC 7560 Développement : Examen critique des théories et des recherches (3 crédits)
Volet : Séminaire

SOC 7561 Séminaire de recherche en développement (3 crédits)
Évaluation des recherches dans le domaine.
Volet : Cours magistral

Le séminaire aborde une thématique sociologique contemporaine qui touche plusieurs champs de la discipline. La thématique est abordée dans ses dimensions théoriques, méthodologiques et/ou épistémologiques de même que par le biais des enjeux de recherche qu'elle soulève. Séminaire s'échelonnant de septembre à avril. (Partie 1 de 2)

Volet : Séminaire

SOC 85102 Séminaire de doctorat (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Le séminaire aborde une thématique sociologique contemporaine qui touche plusieurs champs de la discipline. La thématique est abordée dans ses dimensions théoriques, méthodologiques et/ou épistémologiques de même que par le biais des enjeux de recherche qu'elle soulève. Séminaire s'échelonnant de septembre à avril. (Partie 2 de 2)

Volet : Séminaire

SOC 8511 Séminaire avancé de recherche sociologique (3 crédits)
Le séminaire aborde certaines préoccupations fondamentales de la discipline, dont le raisonnement sociologique et les méthodes de travail essentielles pour mener à bien des recherches doctorales. Il comporte également un travail collectif sur les projets de thèse. Séminaire s'échelonnant de septembre à avril.

Volet : Séminaire

SOC 85111 Séminaire avancé de recherche sociologique (Partie 1 de 2)
Le séminaire aborde certaines préoccupations fondamentales de la discipline, dont le raisonnement sociologique et les méthodes de travail essentielles pour mener à bien des recherches doctorales. Il comporte également un travail collectif sur les projets de thèse. Séminaire s'échelonnant de septembre à avril. (Partie 1 de 2)

Volet : Séminaire

SOC 85112 Séminaire avancé de recherche sociologique (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Le séminaire aborde certaines préoccupations fondamentales de la discipline, dont le raisonnement sociologique et les méthodes de travail essentielles pour mener à bien des recherches doctorales. Il comporte également un travail collectif sur les projets de thèse. Séminaire s'échelonnant de septembre à avril. (Partie 2 de 2)

Volet : Séminaire

SOC 9910 Examen de synthèse de doctorat / PhD Comprehensive Examination
L'examen de synthèse, administré par un comité d'examen, consiste d'un travail écrit portant sur chacune de deux questions qui ciblent des domaines sociologiques distincts. Il comporte également une épreuve orale. L'inscription à SOC 9910 se fait normalement à la troisième session. L'examen est noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / The comprehensive exam, administered by the examination committee, consists of a written essay on each of two questions, which targets distinct sociological domains. It also includes an oral exam. Registration in SOC 9910 is normally done in the third session. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).

Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research
SOC 9930 Projet de thèse de doctorat / PhD Thesis Proposal
Préparation, supervisée par le directeur ou la directrice de thèse, du projet de thèse, qui doit être approuvé par le comité de thèse. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / Preparation, under the direction of the thesis supervisor, of the thesis proposal and submission for approval by the thesis committee. Graded S (Satisfactory) or NS (Not satisfactory).
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

CDN 6520 Séminaire sur la francophonie canadienne (3 crédits)
Séminaire sur des thèmes se rapportant à la francophonie canadienne, particulièrement les francophones vivant en situation minoritaire.
Volet : Séminaire

CDN 6910 Séminaire en études canadiennes / Seminar in Canadian Studies (3 crédits / 3 units)
Séminaire interdisciplinaire bilingue sur des sujets se rapportant au Canada. Les thèmes seront choisis en consultation avec les unités participantes, en tenant compte du nombre d'étudiants, de l'orientation de leur recherches et celles des unités participantes. / Bilingual interdisciplinary seminar on issues related to the study of Canada. Topics to be selected in consultation with participating units, taking into consideration the number of students, their research interests and those of the participating units.
Volet / Course Component: Séminaire / Seminar