

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES -
SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY/CRIME AND DELINQUENCY STUDIES**

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The Department of Social Sciences offers the Master of Arts (MA) in Applied Sociology with concentrations in Community Leadership and Criminal Justice.

MA Degree, Applied Sociology

The MA program in Applied Sociology will enable students to integrate sociological knowledge and skills needed to meet workforce demands in the service sector. The MA degree may be obtained by following one of two concentrations: community leadership or criminal justice. Applied sociologists are trained to collect and interpret factual data and assess the opinions and beliefs of people in the society. These skills assist the government and private sector in solving social problems. Applied sociologists work in many fields including government agencies, research firms, nonprofits, corporations, colleges and universities. More so than ever, private and governmental funders require data-driven evidence-based practices before providing much needed funding in communities. A master's degree of applied sociology enhances the employability and marketability of prospective and current social service professionals. Additionally, applied sociologists are qualified to be certified and serve as case managers in settings such as hospitals, schools, colleges and universities, law firms, hospice facilities, correctional facilities, foster care programs, etc. Applied sociologists work as planners, program development specialists, policy analysts, community outreach coordinators, and data analysts in corporations, research organizations, community agencies, government bureaus and programs, school systems, medical facilities, courts, and private businesses.

Admission Requirements

Minimum admission requirements (NOTE: meeting these minimums does not guarantee admissions.)

- Acceptance to the graduate school
- Completion of a minimum of 15 undergraduate semester hours in sociology or a related field (applicants not meeting this requirement may be granted probationary admission at the discretion of the Graduate Committee)

Applicants for the MA program in Applied Sociology must submit to the Graduate School

- Graduate School application, which includes choice of concentration, and all documentation required by the Graduate School
- A 1-2-page letter of intent including career aspirations and goals with connections on how completion of this Master of Applied Sociology degree will help in attaining those goals
- Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a former professor addressing the applicant's aptitude for graduate study,

- Resume or curriculum vitae

Note: The GRE (Graduate Record Examination) is NOT required

The graduate committee will evaluate the applicant’s capacity for advanced study in and application of sociological knowledge and skills needed to meet workforce demands in the service sector through the examination of the letter of intent, transcripts, recommendation letters, and resume or curriculum vitae. Each member of the committee will independently evaluate the applicant’s admission file with a “Satisfactory” or “Unsatisfactory” with a recommendation of full admission, rejection, conditional admission, or probationary admission.

- Full admission: no restrictions
- Conditional admission: used for seniors who must meet all of the requirements for admission prior to full acceptance and may be admitted on a probationary basis
- Probationary admission: students must achieve a 3.0 GPA in their first 6 or 9 hours of study. The committee will indicate the level of probation in their recommendation.

The Graduate Committee will decide about the applicant’s status with a proposed course of action agreed upon by a 2/3 majority vote. The Graduate Program Director will notify the Graduate School and the applicant of the committee’s decision.

Program Structure

The curriculum includes 21 credit hours of core courses (5 courses at 3 credits each; 6 credit hours of capstone) and 9 credit hours (3 courses at 3 credit hours each) in either the Criminal Justice Concentration or Community Leadership Concentration. Six start dates are available, two per semester. Fall and Spring courses are 7-weeks and Summer courses are 6-weeks. The total of 30 credit hours can be completed in 1 or 2 years.

Transfer Credit: Transfer of up to 9 credit hours of graduate credit earned at another institution, or in another department at Emporia State University, or earned before admission to this program, must have prior work evaluated for transfer credit. Requests for transfer of credit must be approved by the Graduate Coordinator and the Associate Chair of Sociology, Anthropology, and Crime and Delinquency Studies. Requests must be made in writing for each course and accompanied by an official transcript, catalog description, and syllabus or other supporting documentation. Special permission must be obtained to take courses elsewhere and then have them transferred back to Emporia State University as part of your plan of study. Transfer credit is rarely approved in order to assure that the degree granted accurately reflects a student’s education at Emporia State University in Applied Sociology.

M.A. in Applied Sociology

Core Courses (15 hours)

SO710 Applied Sociological Theory	3 hours
SO720 Qualitative Research Methods	3 hours
SO730 Grant Proposal Writing	3 hours
SO740 Intersectionality and Identities	3 hours
SO760 Program Evaluation and Performance Management	3 hours

Capstone (6 hours)

SO790 Applied Sociology Capstone1	3 hours
SO791 Applied Sociology Capstone2	3 hours

Concentration Courses (9 hours)

Community Leadership Concentration

SO732 Leadership and Social Justice	3 hours
SO736 Community Building and Development	3 hours
SO738 Public Sociology	3 hours

OR

Criminal Justice Concentration

SO742 Crime Causation, Prevention, and Control	3 hours
SO744 Criminal Justice Organization and Management	3 hours
SO746 Community Policing	3 hours

Total Required**30 hours****Degree of Candidacy**

- Satisfactory progress is a minimum GPA of 3.0 for all graduate courses at all levels. A B- and above constitutes a passing grade while a C+ or below constitutes a failing grade. If a student earns a failing grade, the course must be retaken.
- After students admitted on probation have completed the required number of hours according to their admission criteria plan, the Graduate Committee will decide if they are making satisfactory progress so that probationary status can be replaced.
- Students who fail to achieve a minimum GPA of 3.0 in any semester will be put on probationary status by the Graduate School.
- In all cases of probationary status, that status must be repealed before candidacy can be granted.

Graduation Requirements

- Courses taken to fulfill undergraduate deficiencies do not count toward graduate program requirements.
- All core courses and three concentration courses must be completed satisfactorily to meet graduation requirements.
- Capstone community partners must provide a satisfactory evaluation of the student's performance.
- Evidence of degree of candidacy