



Graduate Certificate in Teaching Sociology

The certificate consists of a three-semester sequence of courses, designed to prepare graduate students in sociology to teach at the university level.

- Training in development of university-level syllabi development and diversification
- Training in sociology-specific pedagogy, including lesson planning and instructional design
- Training in assessment
- Both in-class and undergraduate guest lecture experience
- Instruction in integrating technology into teaching
- Training in how to teach the concepts of privilege and oppression in the classroom
- Increase sensitivity and strategies to address the variety of sociological phenomena that regularly appear in university classrooms

This certificate is offered to graduate students enrolled in the Master's Program in Sociology and others who hold a BA from an accredited university in sociology or a closely-related field with a GPA >2.75. Any student who has not been admitted into the Master's program must meet graduate admissions criteria.

General Requirements

- A minimum grade of 3.3 is required for each course applied toward the certificate.
- To complete the certificate program, students are required to submit a transcript and a five-page teaching philosophy statement.

Required Courses

SOC 5580 Seminar in Inclusive Teaching
SOC 5590 Seminar in Teaching Sociology
SOC 5160 Graduate Social Theory
Student Teaching (Choose A or B)

A. Teaching Practicum: Graduate Student Instructor (SOC 5100)– 3 credits

- No financial compensation
- Each student will work as a Teaching Assistant for one semester (attend classes, help grade, hold review sessions for exams, etc.)
- Teaching assistants will teach at least two lectures/or components of lecture
- Teaching assistants will write a reflection paper at conclusion of course

B. Paid Teaching Assistant

- Paid \$2000 for the semester
- Expectation of 10 hours/week (duties outlined in TA application)
- Teaching assistants will teach at least two lectures/or components of lecture

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