

## **PhD in Sociology and Master in Public Policy (PhD/MPP)**

**Time required:** 45 units beyond the PhD.

**Requirements for admission:** Admission to and matriculation in the Sociology PhD program. Consent of the Department of Sociology.

**Admission process:** PhD/MPP admissions applications are forwarded from the Department of Sociology. The MPP program makes rolling admissions decisions based on the student's original application materials and subsequent performance, if any, at Stanford. There is an interim cap of 40 students admitted per year for the MPP program as a whole.

**Purpose:** To provide Stanford PhD students in sociology an opportunity to become sophisticated consumers and commissioners of public policy analysis, and especially of policies targeted at poverty and inequality, within the context of their careers as professional sociologists.

**Structure:** The structure of the PhD/MPP program has five elements. The first consists of the first-year Sociology program as currently structured and described in the *Bulletin* and elsewhere. The second consists of 45 units or more of MPP core skills in economics, quantitative methods, organizational behavior, cognitive psychology and leadership, political science, political philosophy and ethics, and law, some of which will have been acquired as part of the first year Sociology curriculum. The third element consists of in-depth study of poverty and inequality in a domestic and/or international context. The fourth element consists of an interdisciplinary practicum, where teams of four to five students from diverse disciplines attack practical policy problems. The final element is the PhD dissertation.

**Start date (classes):** September 2007

**Administration:** The program will be administered by SIEPR on behalf of H&S, on the same terms as the undergraduate program in public policy. The degree requirements and curriculum are established jointly by the Department and the Program.

**Advising:** Each PhD/MPP student will have a faculty adviser in the Department and another chosen from among the MPP-associated faculty.

## **MPP Joint Degree Program for Sociology PhD Students**

The Department offers a Masters in Public Policy degree jointly with the Graduate Public Policy Program administered by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research on behalf of the School of Humanities and Sciences. A student in the PhD program may acquire an MPP by applying to the Public Policy Program and completing its curriculum requirements. Acceptance into the joint program is not automatic. Application requires the consent of the Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology.

All applicants must satisfy University residency requirements for the degree and are responsible for consulting with the Department or the Financial Aid Office about the effects of the proposed program on their current funding. General University requirements for the master's degree are described in the "Graduate Degrees" section of the *Bulletin*.

Only students admitted to one of Stanford's graduate or professional degree programs are eligible for admission to the MPP program. A joint PhD (Sociology)/MPP is a separate and unique degree, with its own degree requirements, established jointly by the Department and the Program. Failure to satisfy these requirements for any reason means that a student must complete the separate and distinct requirements for a PhD in Sociology in order to earn that degree.

The joint Masters in Public Policy is designed to provide training in interdisciplinary policy analysis for students enrolled in professional and doctoral degree programs at Stanford University. It gives these graduate students the benefits of a rigorous interdisciplinary course of study, which complements their main degree program. Graduate and professional students from the Schools of Law and Education, and the Graduate School of Business, as well as other Departments of the School of Humanities and Sciences, participate in the program. The MPP degree is a two-year (90 unit) program, but PhD students in sociology can complete the degree by taking as few as 45 units beyond those required for the PhD. Another 45 units must consist of course work acceptable to both programs. The Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology and the Director of the Public Policy Program maintain samples of coordinated program schedules. Each PhD student's proposed joint program must be approved in advance by the Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology as well as the director of the Public Policy Program.

## **Department of Sociology MPP Concentration in Poverty and Inequality**

Students in the joint PhD/MPP program elect one or more concentrations offered by various Schools and Departments of the University. The Department of Sociology offers an MPP concentration in applied Poverty and Inequality. Most Sociology PhD students will select this concentration in order to complete the joint program in the shortest time. Qualifying courses are listed below. The concentration program of each student must be approved in advance by the Director of Graduate Studies and by the MPP Program director. Students from outside the Sociology Department should consult with the Department about prerequisites for these courses.

### **Courses in Poverty and Inequality Concentration**

#### Overviews of Poverty and Inequality Analysis

SOC 340. Social Stratification  
SOC 241. Controversies About Inequality  
SOC 240. Introduction to Social Stratification

#### Labor Markets, Institutions, and Inequality

ECON 145. Labor Economics  
ECON 280. Welfare Economics  
ECON 246. Labor Economics I  
ECON 247. Labor Economics II  
SOC 314. Economic Sociology

#### Poverty

SOC 249. The Urban Underclass  
SOC 237. Homelessness: Its Causes, Consequences, and Policy Solutions  
SOC 241A. Social Class, Race, Ethnicity, Health

#### Discrimination, Prejudice, and Inequality

LAW. Antidiscrimination  
PSYCH 178. Stigma and Marginality  
PSYCH 180. Social Psychological Perspectives on Stereotyping and Prejudice  
SOC 243. Prejudice, Racism, and Social Change

### Globalization, Development, and Inequality

ECON 106. World Food Economy  
ECON 118. Development Economics  
ECON 121. Development Economics, with Special Reference to East Asia  
ECON 214. Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues  
ECON 216. Development Economics and Growth: Macroeconomics  
ICA 143. Nongovernmental Organizations and Development in Poor Countries  
ICA 203. Issues in International Economics  
ICA 238. Growth and Development: Theory and Policy Implications  
POLISCI 140. Political Economy of Development  
POLISCI 441. Politics of Development

### Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality

SOC 342A. Race and Ethnic Relations  
SOC 344. Changing Ideologies of Race in the U.S.  
SOC 234. Seminar in Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations  
SOC 244. Race and Crime in America  
SOC 245. Race and Ethnic Relations  
SOC 248. Racial Identity

### Gender and Inequality

SOC 342B. Gender and Social Structure  
SOC 261B. Women in Organizations  
SOC 134. Education and the Status of Women: Comparative Perspective  
SOC 242. Sociology of Gender  
SOC 165. Power, Gender, and the Professions

### Schooling and Inequality

SOC 332. Sociology of Education: The Social Organization of Schools  
SOC 134. Education and the Status of Women: Comparative Perspective

### Ethics, Justice, and Inequality

ECON 143. Ethics in Economic Policy  
ETHICSOC 271. Political Philosophy  
POLISCI 231S. Contemporary Theories of Justice

## **MPP Joint Degree Program for Sociology PhD Students (with a Concentration in Poverty and Inequality)**

For Sociology PhD candidates the MPP requirements are met over the course of three years. In the first year at Stanford, MPP students proceed through the regular first-year curriculum for sociology PhD students, although some of the sociology courses taken in the first year count also for the MPP. The second year at Stanford is devoted to the core MPP curriculum, while the third year focuses on meeting residual requirements for the sociology degree but also includes the MPP research practicum. The Poverty and Inequality Concentration entails taking three courses from a list of approved courses. Because this list includes many of the approved “survey courses” for the sociology PhD, it is possible to meet this concentration requirement without slowing progress toward the PhD.

### **Year 1**

First-year MPP students proceed through the regular curriculum for first-year sociology graduate students, as described in the *Bulletin* and elsewhere, amassing credits for both the MPP and PhD. The following six Sociology courses, totaling 30 units, count toward the MPP requirement as well as the Sociology PhD.:

1. SOC 370A: Sociological Theory: Social Structure, Inequality, and Conflict (5 units)
2. SOC 370B: Social Interaction and Group Process (5 units)
3. SOC 382: Sociological Methodology II (5 units)
4. SOC 383: Sociological Methodology III (5 units)
5. SOC 384: Sociological Methodology IV (5 units)
6. Poverty and Inequality Concentration course #1 (see list of approved courses above) (5 units)

*MPP units amassed in first year: 30*

## **Year 2**

Second-year MPP students take the core MPP curriculum. Because the first-year sociology curriculum includes courses that cover the content of the MPP research design and analysis courses (i.e., PP 203A and B), students substitute for those courses two remaining elective courses for the Poverty and Inequality Concentration. Also, when available, students should substitute PP 204A (Collective Action) with SOC 318 (Social Movements and Collective Action), PP 204B (Organizations) with SOC 360 (Foundations of Organizational Sociology), and PP 205B with either SOC 320 (Foundations of Social Psychology) or SOC 322 (Social Interaction, Social Structure, and Social Exchange), adding approved advanced policy skills courses as necessary to satisfy the requirement that 45 units of approved public policy courses be taken, for which credit in the PhD program is not given.

*MPP units amassed in second year: at least 45*

## **Year 3**

Third-year MPP students proceed through the usual second-year curriculum for sociology graduate students. Additionally, MPP students must take the MPP research practicum, accounting for another 10 units. The five-unit theoretical analysis and design course (i.e., SOC 372: Theoretical Analysis and Design), which is taken by all sociology students, will count toward both the MPP and PhD. For MPP students, advancement to candidacy will occur in the third year, not the second year as with other sociology PhD students.

*MPP units amassed in third year: 15*

**Typical Sociology PhD/MPP program:**

	<b>Units toward Soc. PhD</b>	<b>Units toward MPP</b>	<b>Total units</b>
First year courses— As required for PhD program	As required	30	As required
Second year courses— MPP core courses, except substitute two concentration courses for PP 203A/B, and when possible substitute SOC 318 for PP 204A, SOC 360 for PP 204B, and SOC 320 or SOC 322 for PP 205B, adding advanced policy skills courses as necessary	10-25	≥45*	≥45
Third year courses— SOC 372: Theor. Analysis and Design PP 209: Practicum Other Soc. courses as required	5 - As required	5 10 —	As required
Fourth and later years: Dissertation research	TGR	TGR	TGR
<b>Total</b>	<b>≥135</b>	<b>≥90</b>	<b>≥180</b>

\* Note: The joint MPP degree requires at least 90 units creditable to public policy, of which at least 45 units are unduplicated.