



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

PhD in Sociology

Students graduating with a PhD in Sociology will be able to:

(Items listed in italics are considered highly desirable outcomes but are not required for degree completion.)

Core Knowledge

- Demonstrate general knowledge of sociological research and theory, and demonstrate mastery of one or more sub-disciplines within the field, including Feminist Studies, Race, Ethnicity and Nation, Global Studies, Social Movements, Revolutions and Social Change, Conversation Analysis, Culture, and Justice, Law and Inequality.
- Critically evaluate published theory and research in Sociology and related social sciences.

Research Methods and Analysis

- Identify and describe the range of quantitative and qualitative methodologies typically used in sociological research.
- Critically evaluate the methodologies used in published empirical research in sociology and related fields.
- Design sound empirical studies to investigate social phenomena, using appropriate methods, measures, and analytic strategies.
- Collect and analyze data systematically and interpret their findings appropriately.
- Follow ethical guidelines in the handling of research subjects and the collection and dissemination of research.

Pedagogy

- Develop high-quality undergraduate and graduate courses in the field of sociology, including appropriate goals, materials, and assignments.
- Communicate effectively to groups of undergraduate students.
- Demonstrate the basics of classroom management.
- Develop and apply appropriate forms of student assessment.
- *Design a course in their sub-discipline with clear goals, appropriate readings, assignments, and sequencing of topics.*

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Scholarly Communication

- Synthesize and critique relevant scholarly literature.
- Make unique theoretical and empirical contributions to existing bodies of literature, or to emerging ones.
- Structure a coherent argument (orally and in writing) based on evidence and theory.
- Adhere to professional standards of writing style, format, and citation.
- Write at a level consistent with leading scholarly journals in the field of sociology.
- Present their scholarship effectively in oral as well as written formats.
- Clearly communicate scholarly ideas to audiences beyond disciplinary boundaries.

Professionalism

- Identify appropriate scholarly conference and publication venues for their research.
- Develop high-quality conference abstracts and presentations.
- Prepare scholarly manuscripts for publication in sociology journals and revise according to reviewer feedback.
- Make effective contributions to the profession, the department and university, and the community.
- *Identify appropriate fellowship and grant opportunities and develop high-quality research proposals.*

Independent Research

- Develop their own research projects that meet high standards of theoretical and methodological rigor in the discipline.
- Produce scholarship that is comparable in scope and format to articles and books that appear in leading peer-reviewed journals and presses in the field of sociology.