**SOCIAL THEORY (2 required courses / 6 credits)**

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|  | Course | Term | Grade1 | Credit2 |
| 1 | [SOCI 711 - Classical Sociological Theory](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci711) |  |  |  |
| 2 | [SOCI 712 - Contemporary Sociological Theory](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci712) |  |  |  |

**RESEARCH METHODS (1 required, 2 selected courses / 9 credits)**

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|  | Course | Term | Grade | Credit |
| 1 | [SOCI 620 - Methods and Logic of Social Inquiry](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci620) |  |  |  |
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**ANY two (2) courses chosen from the following:**

* [SOCI 631 – Survey Research](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci631)
* [SOCI 632 – Evaluation Research for Social Programs](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci632)
* SOCI 633 – Critical Theory
* SOCI 633 – Critical Ethnography
* [SOCI 634 – Qual. Research Methods](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci634)
* [SOCI 636 – Statistical Reasoning](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci636)
* [SOCI 638 – Feminist Theory](https://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci638)
* [ANTH 650 – Methods in Anthropology](https://soan.gmu.edu/courses/anth650)
* [SOCI 655 – Ethnography](https://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci655)
* SOCI 660 [– Historical and Comparative Sociology](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci860)
* [WMST 610 – Feminist Approaches to Social Research](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/wmst610)
* [WMST 611 – Feminist Research Practice](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/wmst611)
* [SOCI 730 – Analytic Techniques of Social Research](https://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci730)

**ELECTIVES (3-4 selected courses / 9-12 credits)**

Students may choose their electives from the full range of offerings in sociology (any graduate SOCI course). All potential courses are listed in the [Full Course Catalog](https://soan.gmu.edu/courses?utf8=%E2%9C%93&term=202070&code=SOCI), and courses offered this the current/upcoming semester can be found [here](https://soan.gmu.edu/course_sections?utf8=%E2%9C%93&term=202070&code=SOCI&term=202070).

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**PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY (1 required course / 3 credits)**

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|  | Course | Term | Grade | Credit |
| 1 | [SOCI 601 - Proseminar in Public and Applied Sociology](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci601) |  |  |  |

**THESIS (1 required course, 1 optional extension / 3-6 credits)**

A master's thesis demonstrates the student's capacity to carry out independent research. The thesis consists of a substantial sociological research or theoretical project that will contribute to the advancement of knowledge in sociology.

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|  | Course | Term | Grade | Credit |
| 1 | [SOCI 799 - Thesis](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci799)\* |  |  |  |
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\* 6 credits may be taken all in one semester or in consecutive semesters (3 credits each). Students must follow the thesis enrollment policy of the university and once enrolled in [SOCI 799](http://catalog.gmu.edu/preview_course_nopop.php?catoid=29&coid=306596), maintain continuous enrollment as specified in the Academic Policies section of the catalog.

***OR***

**MA Capstone Paper (1 required course / 3 credits)**

As an alternative to the thesis, students can elect to complete an independent, 25-page research paper. Unlike the thesis, the MA capstone paper must be completed in one semester.

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|  | Course | Term | Grade | Credit |
| 1 | [SOCI 797 - Master's Capstone Paper](http://soan.gmu.edu/courses/soci797) |  |  |  |

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| **Total Credits Received:** |  | **Cumulative GPA:** |  |

1 Students must have a 3.00 GPA in order to graduate.

2 Total required credits = 33