

SOCIOLOGY

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Overview

The Department of Sociology offers a program of study that provides students with a thorough grounding in the theories and research methods of the discipline. Students with a B.A. or B.S. should apply to the Masters program only. Students with post-graduate degrees should apply to the Ph.D. program. Emphasis is placed on training students to apply theories and research methods while conducting empirical inquiry. Courses are taught, and students are mentored, by a faculty composed of nationally and internationally recognized scholars. The research specialties of the faculty span several areas. It is expected that the master's and dissertation research projects of students will be carried out in specialty areas that fall in the purview of the faculty's expertise. A description of the graduate program, including the specialty areas of each faculty member, is provided at https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/sociology/research/index.php (https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/sociology/research/). Our graduates pursue careers in a wide range of academic and nonacademic fields. Graduates of the master's program often find employment in government agencies or in private firms that require professionals with research skills and experience in data management. Graduates of the doctoral program also work for government agencies and in private firms, but many accept appointments at universities and colleges.