SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Sociology and Anthropology
+ College of Arts and Sciences

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW

The department of sociology and anthropology offers a Master of Arts with specializations in urban sociology, law and society, health, and spatial demography. The program provides students with the analytic and administrative skills to advance in leadership positions in the public, private and government sectors. The program is distinctive in its blend of academic and practical skills.

Combining outstanding scholarship and practical experience, our faculty members are engaged in cutting-edge research and bring this expertise to the classroom to enrich the educational experience of students. Courses are taught by interdisciplinary faculty from sociology and public policy who integrate the theory, practical experience and empirical skills needed in 21st-century organizations.

Through teaching, research and service, sociology students examine different ways people relate to one another through the organization of society and how it influences our lives. The M.A. degree in sociology and anthropology trains students to identify and document insights into these social processes and structures in their careers. Students explore large- and small-scale organizations, families, beliefs and social classes with opportunities for hands-on experience in the St. Louis area.

The M.A. degree requires a total of 33 credit hours of graduate study with a minimum of 27 credit hours of coursework. The M.A. can be completed either through thesis or nonthesis tracks. The thesis track includes up to six thesis credit hours while the nonthesis track includes six additional credit hours of coursework.

Degree requirements include:
- Each candidate must select between thesis (six credit hours) or nonthesis coursework (with comprehensive examination).
- All students are required to take 12 credit hours of core coursework, six credit hours of practical coursework and a minimum of nine credit hours of electives (15 credit hours if they elect to take the nonthesis option).
- Students must earn a "B" grade or better in all graduate courses taken to earn credit in the program.
- Students are expected to complete all coursework within five years of admission.

DEGREES & PROGRAMS

- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Sociology and Anthropology

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- M.A.
  - FALL | rolling
  - SPRING | rolling
  - SUMMER | rolling

Deadlines for assistantships are listed online.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Application form and fee (if applicable)
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- GRE scores
- Résumé or curriculum vitae
- Personal goal statement
- Personal Potential Index (PPI), recommended

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The program is open to students with B.A. or B.S. degrees and to advanced undergraduate students.
Elizabeth Chiarello, Ph.D.: Law and society, medical sociology, criminology, professions, organizational theory

Richard Colignon, Ph.D.: Economic sociology, organizational theory, research methodology

Amy Cooper, Ph.D.: Mental Health, bio medicine, the body, global health, Latin America and Caribbean studies

Scott Cummings, Ph.D.: Urban, community and neighborhood development; policy evaluation, research methodology, applied statistical analysis

Scott R. Harris, Ph.D.: Social psychology, marriage and family, social construction of equality and inequality

Joel Jennings, Ph.D.: Citizenship, immigration, U.S. Latino/a population

Ajilina Karamehic-Muratovic, Ph.D.: Medical sociology, cross-national health care delivery, research methodology, quantitative analysis

Kathryn Kuhn, Ph.D.: Gender, popular culture, bureaucracy

Katherine C. MacKinnon, Ph.D.: General anthropology, physical anthropology, primate social behavior and ecology, fieldwork and conservation issues in Central and South America

Hisako Matsuo, Ph.D.: Research methodology, quantitative analysis, health disparities, race and ethnic relations

Daniel Monti, Ph.D.: Urban redevelopment, gangs, civic culture, race and ethnic relations

Bruce O’Neil, Ph.D.: Cultural anthropology, urban ethnography, social theory, political-economy, poverty, unemployment, postsocialism, globalization

Juan Onesimo Sandoval, Ph.D.: Demography, immigration, urban sociology, residential segregation, geographic information systems

Christopher Prener, M.A.: Urban studies, health, mixed methods of research, mobile data collection

Terry Tomazic, Ph.D.: Research methodology, quantitative analysis, gun control

Mary Vermilion, Ph.D.: Archaeology, forensic anthropology, anthropological theory, native peoples of North America

We have state-of-art research projects/labs in health, urban and geo-spatial analysis, with active funding for students, led by top researchers in these areas.

Our M.A. program has provided a bridge to the regional job market and to highly rated Ph.D. programs where our graduates have been admitted to and funded at top Ph.D. program.

Our graduates have been hired, promoted and have shown great success in dynamic public and private sector organizations.

For full consideration for financial aid, including assistantships, applications must be received by Feb. 1.