Overview
The MA Program in Sociology at CU Denver provides a coherent, progressive, educational experience that prepares students for either immediate entry to a master’s level career or continued study in a PhD program. The program requires completion of 33 total credit hours, 27 of which are obtained through coursework and 6 that comprise the student’s comprehensive paper. The MA Program emphasizes training in research methods and offers concentrations in Crime, Law and Deviance; Health and Society; and Family, Social Services and Community.

Admission Requirements
Application to the MA program is open to all students holding a BA, BS or higher degree in any field. Students without prior training in sociology, but with otherwise exemplary records, may be admitted but may be required to make up undergraduate deficiencies without graduate credit in the areas of theory, methods and statistics.

Recommended Academic Standards
• A combined GPA of at least 3.3 for all courses taken at the undergraduate or graduate level prior to admission
• A combined GPA of at least 3.5 for all sociology courses taken at the undergraduate or graduate level prior to admission

Application Materials
• Complete application form
• Three letters of recommendation (at least two must be from academic/professional sources)
• One copy of official transcripts sent directly to the Department of Sociology from all schools where BA credit hours were taken
• A statement of purpose and goals of graduate study
• Writing sample
• GRE score may be optionally submitted to aid application file
• International Students: You must complete an International Student Application. Minimum TOEFL score of 525 required.
• Out-of-state students from 13 Western states qualify for in-state tuition as part of the WRGP Program.

Application Deadlines
Applications are accepted for fall admission only. All application materials are due on February 15th.

Programs
• Sociology, MA (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-ma/)

Faculty
Professors:
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Jennifer A. Reich, PhD, University of California, Davis

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Keith Guzik, PhD, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Assistant Professors:
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Adam M. Lippert, PhD, The Pennsylvania State University
Esther Sullivan, PhD, University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Professors Clinical Teaching Track:
Maren T. Scull, PhD, Indiana University
Jenny Vermilya, PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

Senior Instructors:
Kari Alexander, PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

Instructors:
Carlos Reali, MA, University of Colorado Denver

Sociology (SOCI) Courses
SOCY 5000 - Professional Seminar: Sociological Inquiry (3 Credits)
Introduces sociology graduate students to sociology as a discipline and profession. Conveys practical skills and knowledge useful to the pursuit of a graduate degree. Introduces students to sociology graduate faculty members and their research interests. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor’s to Master’s program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
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SOCY 5016 - Social Theory (3 Credits)
An overview of major theories across the social behavioral sciences examining social order, integration, conflict, and change. The course emphasizes a cross disciplinary approach, highlighting works of historical and contemporary relevance. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree majors. Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
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<td>Race, Culture and Immigration (3 Credits)</td>
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<td>In this course, we will consider the social and legal construction of race and immigration. We will also explore how immigrants have been racialized both historically and in the current moment. In addition, we will consider the role of culture in shaping the immigrant experience and immigrant outcomes. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with SOCY 4020, ETST 4020 and ETST 5020. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Seminar: Research Methods I (3 Credits)</td>
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<td>Problems and procedures in research design, data collection and processing. Note: Required for M.A. graduate students in sociology. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with SOCY 4050. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Health Disparities (3 Credits)</td>
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<td>This course focuses on social, economic, and political factors that shape the uneven distribution of health and illness in the United States. Social determinants of health are explored, including socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity, neighborhood environments, social relationships, and gender. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with SOCY 4050. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>Sociology of Health Care (3 Credits)</td>
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<td>Examines U.S. health care institutions and issues such as rising costs, the effects of class, racial and gender inequality, professionalization and monopolization of roles, construction of illness and health, managed care, for-profit health care, and ethics of health care decisions. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with SOCY 4110. Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.</td>
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<td>SOCY 5183</td>
<td>Seminar: Quantitative Data Analysis (3 Credits)</td>
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<td>A research-oriented seminar stressing the utilization of social data already collected in the test or generation of sociological theory. Note: Required for M.A. graduate students in sociology. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits. Grading Basis: Letter Grade Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA) Cross-listed with SOCY 4440. Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.</td>
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SOCI 5460 - Hate Groups and Group Violence (3 Credits)
Social sciences help us understand the phenomena of hate groups and group violence and contribute toward their elimination. Examples are examined using theoretical perspectives on different levels of analysis and within different areas of research. Cross-listed with SOCY 4460. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA)

SOCI 5475 - Self and Identity (3 Credits)
A course in social psychology focusing on individuals in social interaction. Focuses of self-conception, identity, presentation of self, and self and emotion management. Examines major theories and research in social psychology. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with SOCY 4475. Term offered: summer. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors Typically Offered: Summer.

SOCI 5550 - Seminar: Sociology of the Family (3 Credits)
An intensive review and analysis of the family as a social institution. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA)

SOCI 5590 - Seminar: Sociology of Adulthood and Aging (3 Credits)
A course in social psychology focusing on individuals in social interaction. Focuses of self-conception, identity, presentation of self, and self and emotion management. Examines major theories and research in social psychology. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with SOCY 4590. Term offered: summer. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors Typically Offered: Summer.

SOCI 5640 - Sociology of Childhood and Adolescence (3 Credits)
An in-depth overview of the theories and research regarding the life course understanding of infancy, childhood and adolescence. Children's lives and cultures in relation to adults and their transition from childhood to adolescence are studied. Cross-listed with SOCY 4640. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: summer. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

SOCI 5650 - Sociology of Adulthood and Aging (3 Credits)
Examination of the adult life course—post-adolescence to death, focusing on key social transitions of adulthood (e.g., independence from parents, marriage, retirement), and historical, institutional, and social factors that create variation in their timing, meaning, and individuals' role experiences. Cross-listed with SOCY 4650. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: spring. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

SOCI 5690 - Crime and Inequality Over the Life Course (3 Credits)
Life-course perspective on inequality and crime. Studies transitions, trajectories and turning points as key features of the life course. Considers how inequalities and criminal behavior are shaped by timing of experiences, historical and geographic contexts, others' lives, and human agency. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Cross-listed with SOCY 4690. Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

SOCI 5740 - Courts & Society (3 Credits)
Courts are a centerpiece of modern legal systems that mediate social relationships and people's relationship to the state. This course explores the connection between courts and democratic society by considering the operation and evolution of courts in the U.S. Cross-listed with SOCY 4740. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Term offered: spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA)

SOCI 5750 - Seminar: Criminology (3 Credits)
An intensive review and analysis of the literature and research dealing with sociology of crime in modern society. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
SOCY 5770 - Advanced Topics in Sociology (1-3 Credits)
Advanced study of special topics in sociology to be selected by the instructor. Note: May be repeated for credit when topics vary. Cross-listed with SOCY 4770. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA). Repeatable. Max hours: 9 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 9.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors or undergraduate students in the Sociology Bachelor's to Master's program (SOCI-BA-BMA)

SOCY 5780 - Violence in Relationships (3 Credits)
Course focuses on the study of violence among individuals involved in intimate relationships; factors in society such as norms, laws and institutions that are related to creating violence among intimates; and social policies, prevention, intervention and treatment programs. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with SOCY 4780, WGST 4780 and WGST 5780. Term offered: fall. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Typically Offered: Fall.

SOCY 5840 - Independent Study: SOCY (1-3 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall, spring, summer.
Repeatable. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 3.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

SOCY 5939 - Internship (1-6 Credits)
Note: Students must submit a special processing form completely filled out and signed by the student and faculty member, describing the course expectations, assignments and outcomes, to the Graduate School for approval. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Repeatable. Max Hours: 9 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

SOCY 5955 - Master's Thesis (1-6 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall, spring, summer.
Repeatable. Max hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade with IP
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Additional Information: Report as Full Time.

SOCY 5964 - Master's Report (1-3 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall, spring, summer.
Repeatable. Max hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade with IP
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Additional Information: Report as Full Time.

SOCY 5995 - Global Study Topics (3-6 Credits)
This course is reserved for CU Denver faculty-led study abroad experiences. The course topic will vary based on the location and course content. Students register through the Office of Global Education. Department consent required. Repeatable. Max hours: 12 Credits
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 12.