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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

- **How long will it take to complete?** Students typically graduate within four semesters.
- **What courses will I take?** Social theory, research methods, & quantitative data analysis, plus electives (e.g. health & medical sociology, social movements, gender, race & ethnicity, qualitative research methods).
- **What can I do with an MA in Sociology?** How to design, conduct, & interpret research studies. You’ll gain expertise in important social issues. Alumni get jobs at universities, research organizations, & the NC state government. Others get PhDs.
- **Is there financial aid available?** Yes, qualified applicants may receive graduate assistantships, and students can apply for departmental scholarships. Additional opportunities are often available through the ECU Graduate School.

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sociology.ecu.edu

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We DO NOT require the GRE!

We accept students from a variety of academic backgrounds.

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About the Sociology MA

Pathways

After completing core courses, students have 4 choices for how to finish their degrees: write a thesis, complete a research practicum, complete a teaching practicum, or take extra courses. You can craft your own path. Check our website for courses.

Certificates

ECU offers a wide range of graduate certificates, and Sociology students have the option to complete a graduate certificate while they complete their MA degree. These certificates provide specialized training and expertise that will help prepare you for your career.

Financial Support

Qualified applicants are eligible for a graduate assistantship (GA) & receive $5,000/semester. GA’s work closely with a faculty member to help with either teaching or research projects. We also offer several scholarships, ranging up to $5,000/semester.

Prepare for Your Career

The MA in Sociology program offers excellent training for jobs at research firms, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, universities & community colleges, and it’s outstanding preparation for PhD programs. Here are examples of the first jobs some of our recent graduates had upon graduating with their MA:

- Assessment Coordinator, Johnson C. Smith University
- Data Administrator, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
- Human Services Planner and Evaluator, North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services
- Instructor, Pitt Community College
- PhD Student, University of Georgia
- Research Analyst, HarrisX
- Research Operations Specialist, Social and Scientific Systems

Gain Research Experience

We offer outstanding research mentoring. Students learn to design research projects, manage & analyze quantitative data, & conduct qualitative research studies. Students use these skills to collaborate on research projects with faculty members. Here are recent publications with our MA students (marked with an *).


