

## Course & Program Planning Cheat Sheet—Sociology PhD program

| Year           | Fall Semester                                                                                                                                                                                 | Spring Semester                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Major Milestones                                                                                                                                                                              | Recommended Research Credits*        |
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| <b>Year 1</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>501 (3) Research Methods (M)</li> <li>541 (4) Statistical Methods I (M)</li> <li>701 (1) Proseminar (M)</li> <li>Elective (M)</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>515 (3) or 516 (3) Theory (M)</li> <li>542 (4) Statistical Methods II (M)</li> <li>702 (1) Proseminar (M)</li> <li>Elective (M)</li> </ul>                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend colloquia and departmental activities</li> <li>Identify a QP1 topic + chair &amp; write QP1 proposal (May/June)</li> </ul>                      | 1 Fall (Prosem)<br>1 Spring (Prosem) |
| <b>Year 2</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>503 (1.5) Second Year Paper Seminar (M)</li> <li>Elective (M)</li> <li>Elective (M)</li> <li>Elective (P)</li> <li>701 (1) Research Credits</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>504 (1.5) Second Year Paper Seminar (M)</li> <li>515 (3) or 516 (3) Theory (M)</li> <li>Second Methods Course (P)</li> <li>Elective (P)</li> <li>702 (1) Research Credits</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>QP1 Sign-On by Nov. 15</b></li> <li><b>QP1 Sign-Off by June 15</b> (end of year 2)</li> <li>Attend colloquia and departmental activities</li> </ul> | 1 Fall<br>1 Spring                   |
| <b>Year 3</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective (P)</li> <li>Elective (P)</li> <li>701 (3) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elective (P)</li> <li>702 (3) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify a QP2 topic and chair and write QP2 proposal (June-Sep)</li> <li><b>QP2 Sign-On by Nov. 15</b></li> </ul>                                     | 3 Fall<br>3 Spring                   |
| <b>Year 4</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>701 (3) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>702 (3) Research Credits</li> <li>703 Writing Seminar (<i>if needed, and for research credits</i>)</li> </ul>                                                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>QP2 Sign-Off by Nov. 15</b>; Begin Dissertation Proposal</li> </ul>                                                                                 | 3 Fall<br>3 Spring                   |
| <b>Year 5</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>701 (2) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>702 (3) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dissertation Proposal Defense by Nov. 15</b>; Dissertation Writing</li> </ul>                                                                       | 2 Fall<br>3 Spring                   |
| <b>Year 6+</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>701 (2) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>702 (1) Research Credits</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dissertation Defense by Aug. 15 (Year 6 target)</b></li> </ul>                                                                                      | 2 Fall<br>1 Spring                   |

\*Research credit recommendations are from the Research Credits timeline on pages 19-20 of the graduate student handbook, while coursework and milestones are from Appendix A on pages 34-35. The number in parentheses after the course name indicates the number of credits.

**(M)** = Required for M.A., **(P)** = Required for Ph.D. (To earn the Ph.D. students must first fulfill requirements for MA)

Recommended total research credits for the Ph.D. = **24 credits**, with ABD students registering for at least **1 research credit per semester**.

TA-ship counts as credits to fulfill fulltime status