



University of Cape Town

Department of Sociology

The Honours and taught Masters in SOCIOLOGY

The University of Cape Town's Department of Sociology offers both the Honours and the taught Master's in Sociology. The programme is intended to develop sociological knowledge and skill in social research and theoretical analysis to the professional level. To achieve this, advanced and intensive modules and courses dealing with research methods, statistics and social theory, form the core of the programme, while students are able to select substantive electives from a wide range of those offered in the Department and in other social science departments, based on their own research and career interests.

The Honours degree takes one academic year to complete. Master's students typically take more than a year; the expectation being that they complete the degree within 18-24 months.

This brochure outlines our general requirements and expectations. The Graduate School in Humanities annually compiles the authoritative 'Student Handbook' which should be consulted for detailed rules and opportunities.

Courses

Honours

The Honours degree comprises four taught courses and a research essay of up to 15,000 words. Two of the taught courses are compulsory and two are electives. Each course as well as the research essay is weighted at 20% of the final result.

Compulsory courses:

SOC4000H Research Essay (20%)

SOC4028F Social Theory (20%)

SOC4013F Honours Social Research Methods (20%)

Elective courses:

Two courses selected from a range of specified options (2x20%)

Masters

The Master's degree comprises four taught courses and a dissertation (25,000-word limit). Two of the taught courses are compulsory and the other two are electives. Each course is weighted at 12½% and the dissertation at 50% of the final result.

Compulsory courses:

- SOC5003F Diversity & Society (12½%)
- SOC5030F In-Depth Interviewing and Analysis (6¼%)
- SOC5031F Quantitative Analysis of Household Survey Data (6¼%)
- SOC5032W Minor Dissertation (50%)

Elective courses:

- Two courses selected from a range of specified options (2x12½%)

Admission Requirements

Admission as an Honours student

Available places allowing, graduates will normally be admitted as long as they have maintained an average of at least 65% for their Sociology major during their final undergraduate year. Admission is seldom granted where the Sociology course averages are less than 68%.

Students may be admitted under exceptional circumstances from other programmes or degrees.

An applicant – whether or not s/he is a UCT graduate – may be invited to attend an interview.

In addition to completing UCT's Application form, applicants who are not UCT graduates should submit a letter of motivation and their *curriculum vitae* with their academic transcripts. Applicants from outside South Africa's borders should also submit a sample of their academic writing (a recent essay or report) and proof of having met UCT's language requirements.

Progressing from Honours to Master's

Admission to the Honours does not imply automatic admission to the Master's. The following admission requirements must be met.

Admission as a Master's student

Applicants must have achieved an overall average result of not less than 65% in the Honours degree.

An applicant – whether or not s/he is a UCT graduate – may be invited to attend an interview.

Applicants who are not UCT graduates should submit their academic transcripts, a letter of motivation, their *curriculum vitae*, the names and university contact details of two academic referees, and a sample of their academic writing (a recent essay or report). Applicants from outside South Africa's borders should also submit and proof of having met UCT's language requirements.

Admission may be made conditional upon the completion of preliminary or additional courses.

Admission is at the discretion of the Head of the Department of Sociology.

Financial Support

The Department of Sociology does not award its own scholarships, nor does it recruit graduate assistants or provide any direct financial support. Prospective students may wish to apply for financial assistance through UCT's Postgraduate Funding Office.

Tuition Fees

There is a separate fee for every course, and students who are not citizens of a SADC country are charged an additional International Term Fee.

Please consult the latest Fees Handbook at <www.uct.ac.za/apply/fees>

Application

Applications must be submitted to UCT's Admissions Office.

International students should consult the International Academic Programmes Office before applying.

The Faculty of Humanities' Graduate School expects applications for admission in the following year to be submitted by the end of September (international students) or the end of October (local students).

Acceptances may be given to a limited number of applicants who apply well before these deadlines.

Late applications may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

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