

UC Merced Sociology PhD Track Summary and Example Course Plan

Requirements:

- 1 theory class
- 2 statistics classes plus one additional advanced methods class (which might include Qualitative Methods, Event History Analysis, Survey Research Design, etc.)
- 1 Research Methods class
- 1 Writing/Publishing class
- 6 Substantive courses or sets of reading hours
- Professionalization Seminar
(Teaching Seminar)

Semester 1 (3 classes)

- Theory
- UG Stats (if needed) or other course
- Substantive course
- Pro-Sem (1 unit)

Semester 2 (3 classes)

- Research Methods – goal: M.A. proposal
- Substantive course
- Stats 1 (OLS regression)
- Pro-Sem

Summer after Year 1: Research for 2nd year paper

Semester 3 (3 classes)

- Writing/Publishing course
- Statistics 2 (categorical dep var models)
- Substantive course

Semester 4 (3 classes)

- Substantive course
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- Additional methods course (in or out of SOC)
- Defend 2nd year paper by end of year 2

Summer after Year 2: Prepare for comprehensive exams

Semester 5 (2-3 classes)

- Substantive course
- Additional methods or substantive course

Spring of Year 3: Comprehensive Exams. Defend Dissertation prospectus.

Year 4: Dissertation Research.

Year 5: Dissertation Writing. Defend Dissertation Spring of Year 5.