

SOCIOLOGY

MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The chief requirement of the MA Program is a thesis carried out under the supervision of a two-to-three person committee. All students must take the MA seminar, an ethnography course and complete an area essay examination. Students are offered one elective course of their choosing. The degree is a one-year program.

DEPARTMENTAL CONCENTRATIONS

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INEQUALITY

This area encompasses the study of power relations, inequality, resistance and demands for social justice. Among the subjects addressed are gender, ethnicity and class inequality, human rights, democracy and multiculturalism, international development, cross-cultural conflict and dispute settlement and the sociology of law, deviance, and criminal justice. Many of us work in highly politicized social fields, with local and transnational social movements, indigenous rights, and alternative models of justice.

ECONOMY, WORK AND DEVELOPMENT

This area explores labor studies, development, economic restructuring, comparative economic and social systems and theories of economy. Topics explored in classes include the gendering of work, international labour migration, post-Cold War transitions, global capitalism, and continuity and change in rural and urban settings. We work in different parts of Canada, but are also specialized in Latin America, Asia and Europe.

CRITICAL HEALTH STUDIES

This area includes research on health, illness, health care, food and nutrition, and the body. Faculty and students working in this area are interested in how health is socially and culturally constructed and how it is contested, both within dominant biomedical and public health paradigms and outside them. Among other related topics, we work on: addiction, aging, gender and health, the political economy of health, pain, reproductive health, and models of science and expertise in health care systems.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Graduates with a four year BA honours degree in Sociology.
- GPA of at least A- in the last two years of courses.
- Applicants must submit a statement of interest.
- Resume (CV)
- Two confidential academic letters of reference.
- Writing sample (optional)
- Applicants whose native language is not English must provide proof of English language competency (e.g. TOEFL).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Limited financial assistance is available in the form of Dalhousie Graduate Fellowships and Teaching Assistantships. Qualified students are considered for funding if their completed admissions application is received by January 15th.

All qualified applicants are expected to apply for SSHRC funding. Exceptional students may be recommended by the department for the award of a Killam Predoctoral Scholarship.

Canadian applicants should note, that in order to be eligible for a Killam Scholarship, they must apply for SSHRC funding usually by mid-November.

Other awards may be available from other sources. Consult the Faculty of Graduate Studies Office of Dalhousie University, or the Awards Office of your own university.

Website:

<http://dalgrad.dal.ca/prospectivestudents/admissions/>

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