With an emphasis on highly-personalized and flexible instruction, we foster a tradition of collaborative learning and research opportunities.

MA IN SOCIOLOGY
The MA is available on a full-time or part-time basis with the options of thesis, major research paper, or the year-long courses-only stream. The MA program takes 3 to 8 full-time academic terms to complete, depending on the degree chosen - co-op is an option.

MA program options
» Courses-only (8 courses over 3 terms/one year)
» Research paper (6 courses plus research paper/4 terms)
» Thesis (4 courses plus 100-150 page thesis/6 terms)

MA admission
Applicants to the MA program should have an Honours Bachelor's degree or its equivalent in Sociology with at least a B+ (78%) average, although most of our successful applicants have an A- (80-84%).

PHD IN SOCIOLOGY
The PhD degree requirements include: five graduate-level one-term courses beyond the MA degree, a professional development seminar, two comprehensive exams and the dissertation. Full-time students are normally funded for four years to enable them to complete all the requirements for the PhD degree. PhD students also have the option to do co-op work terms, and work on faculty research projects. The PhD program is normally available on a full-time basis only. However, once they have completed their residency requirements, candidates may apply to switch to part-time status.

PhD admission
Applicants to the PhD program should have an MA degree in Sociology or its equivalent with an A- (80-84%) overall average.

POTENTIAL FUNDING
External
» Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
» Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
» Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)

Internal
» Teaching or Research Assistantships
» University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarships
» President’s Graduate Scholarship (additional $10,000 to OGS and SSHRC recipients)
» Women’s Doctoral Provost Scholarship ($5,000 one-time support)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH
We teach contemporary and classical theory, as well as quantitative, qualitative and interpretive methods, providing an excellent grounding in a range of theoretical orientations.
The department has 18 faculty members teaching and supervising graduate students, plus over 10 affiliated and adjunct professors from other Waterloo departments and colleges. Faculty and graduate research has a particular focus on the following four thematic areas:

- crime, law, and security
- knowledge, education, and digital culture
- migration, borders, and transnationalism
- social inequality and public policy

**RESOURCES**

Graduate students are often hired as research assistants at our affiliated research centres, and in faculty research projects.

**Survey Research Centre**
The Survey Research Centre offers services ranging from consultation to fieldwork to data analysis. The Centre administers phone surveys, mail questionnaires, personal interviews and web surveys.

**Southwestern Ontario Research Data Centre**
Initiated by Statistics Canada and the SSHRC, the Centre’s mission is to strengthen Canada’s social research capacity and support policy research. The Centre holds micro-records of Statistics Canada data sets.

**Canadian Graduate Journal of Sociology and Criminology**
This graduate journal is run by the department’s MA and PhD students. Canadian graduate students can participate in and learn the culture of peer-reviewed publication, while providing opportunities to engage in a variety of editorial positions.

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Dr. Janice Aurini**
Measuring and Reducing Summer Setback is a SSHRC funded project examining ‘summer setback’ and whether summer programs close achievement gaps or produce other benefits such as enhanced parent-teacher connections.

**Dr. Kieran Bonner**
Theory and the Culture of Cities is a research project drawing on contemporary theory and methodology to examine the changes that cities are undergoing under globalization.

**Dr. Phil Boyle**
A SSHRC funded project examining critical infrastructure security in Canada.

**Dr. Peter Carrington**
The Canadian Criminal Careers and Criminal Networks Study investigates co-offending networks and criminal careers, using data extracted from Canadian police information systems.

**Dr. Martin Cooke**
A CIHR funded project examining obesity among Métis and Off-Reserve First Nations Children.

**Dr. Lorne Dawson**
Canadian Research Network on Terrorism, Security, and Society is a SSHRC and Public Safety Canada funded initiative to develop distinctively Canadian research on these issues.

**Dr. Weizhen Dong**
Working on a Lupina Foundation sponsored social determinants of health and policy implications project. It examines various socioeconomic and environmental factors’ direct and indirect effects on the study population’s health status and overall wellbeing.

**Dr. Owen Gallupe**
A research project examining adolescent substance use, offending, social status, and peer group dynamics.

**Dr. Rick Helmes-Hayes**
An archives-based study of the emergence of academic sociology in Canada, 1880-1920, focusing in particular on the role of the protestant Social-Gospel.

**Dr. Suzan Ilcan**
A new project examining the postwar management of displaced populations through work, travel, and migration controls involving international aid organizations.

**Dr. Cetta Mainwaring**
A new research project analyzing the evolution of visa policies as a form of migration control, as well as how visa policies are currently implemented by Street-Level bureaucrats and negotiated by migrants and migration intermediaries.

**Dr. E. Adie Nelson**
A current project examining violent offenders’ construction of ‘good Samaritans’; a project on racialization and gendering of disability within award-winning children’s literature.

**Dr. Daniel O’Connor**
A new research project examining the regulation and transformation of border security in North America & Europe.

**Dr. Jennifer Schulenberg**
A SSHRC funded project investigating police complaints, discretion, and responses to antisocial behaviour.

**Dr. Rashmee Singh**
A research project examining the civil society-state relations established to govern gender violence in Toronto, with a focus on the city’s immigrant-serving community organizations.

**Dr. Jennifer R. Whitson**
A research project involving fieldwork with game developers about creative labour, economic sustainability, and community support networks; a project investigating data security issues in player surveillance and data collection in games.

**Dr. Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme**
Research projects examining the effects of religiousity and religion on voting behaviour in Canada; as well as exploring the dynamics of religious “nones” in comparative Western contexts.

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