

Beginning January 2017

## Combined BA/MA in Applied Sociology

The Master of Arts in Applied Sociology, a 30 credit program, emphasizes the "practical side" of sociology and prepares students for careers in the public and private sector in social research, social policy and program development. The program focuses on the sociology of health; sociology of aging; selected areas of diversity, gender, and culture; and applied research methods.

Majors in all fields are eligible to enroll in the combined BA/MA Pathway or the regular MA program. Only about half of MA students majored in Sociology as undergraduates.

### The BA/MA Pathway Program

Combined BA/MA students can take up to 9 credits of 600 level courses in their senior year that count for both the bachelor's and master's degrees. The remaining 21 credits can be completed by full-time students in two semesters plus a summer course.

For students who are completing the HAPP major (degree plan 2017 and later) and who are accepted into the MA in Applied Sociology program up to three (3) of the following 600 level courses can count towards both the HAPP major and the MA in Applied Sociology. Please note that courses that have already been taken at the 400 level cannot be retroactively changed to the 600 level.

MA Course Options (up to 3)	Replace this HAPP course
___ SOCY MA elective (606 & above)	___ HAPP upper level elective*
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___ SOCY 652 Hlth Care Org. & Del.	___ HAPP 452 Hlth Care Org. & Del.

\*a maximum of two SOCY or ANTH courses can count towards the HAPP elective requirements

### How to Apply

You must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 to gain admission.

Plan to apply for admission by the second semester of your junior year.

You will need:

- Unofficial transcript
- Statement of goals
- At least 2 letters of recommendation from professors
- Your resume, and
- *Application for the Accelerated Bachelor's/ Master's Program.*

Submit these documents to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration & Policy

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By taking advantage of this option, you can lower the cost of graduate school, and reduce the time to earn your MA degree by as much as a year!

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