GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN
SOCIOLOGY

The forces driving expansion of Canada’s prison system, the lives of sex workers, on-line gaming worlds, the experiences of refugees, temporary labour and marriage migrants — these are just some of the intriguing research areas that our graduate students in Sociology have chosen to investigate. The breadth of our program specializations and faculty research make it possible for our students to pursue research on a wide range of topics.

Our 30-plus graduate faculty have a diverse range of strengths, including social theory, political economy, governmentality theory, critical race studies, feminist analyses, cultural studies, science and technology studies, studies of citizenship and migration, and criminology.

Our Master of Arts (MA) offers three options: solely coursework, or a combination of coursework and a thesis or research essay. Students can also pursue specializations in African Studies and Digital Humanities, as well as a concentration in Quantitative Methodology. For our QM students, we also offer a co-op option.

Our PhD program focuses on the following areas: theory and methodology, stratification and power, cultural studies, and applied social research. We also offer a specialization in Political Economy at the doctoral level.

A key feature of all of our graduate programs is that they are student-centred. We feel strongly that students should be able to fashion, for themselves, the experience of graduate study that is going to serve them best.

DEGREES OFFERED
MA, PhD

CAREER OPTIONS
Our alumni pursue research that often leads them to holding influential positions in the non-academic world and key academic positions in the national and international sociological community. Dozens of former PhD students are now professors across Canada and around the world, with very recent sociology graduates gaining tenure-track jobs at the universities of Victoria, Alberta, Manitoba and Ottawa, among others.

FALL APPLICATION DEADLINE
February 1, to be eligible for funding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
MA: A BA (Honours), or the equivalent, with at least a B+ standing in sociology or a closely related field. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact us for advice about whether their grade point average will be competitive. Relevant previous professional experience may be taken into account in determining an applicant’s standing on admission.

PhD: A master’s degree, or the equivalent, in sociology or a closely related field, with a minimum average of A- in courses (including the thesis where applicable), and with no grade below B+.

“The faculty are a very active research group, so for graduate students, there are so many opportunities.”
— Willow Scobie, PhD/07, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Ottawa