

**THIS INFORMATION ONLY PERTAINS TO STUDENTS WHO ENTERED THE PHD PROGRAM IN SOCIOLOGY PRIOR TO FALL 2014. THESE STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO FOLLOW THESE 'OLD' PROGRAM GUIDELINES OR THE CURRENT PROGRAM GUIDELINES (in effect as of January 2014).**

### **Ph.D. in Sociology - REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Required Courses (3 credits)**

- **SOCI 505** Causes and Errors (3) (formerly titled "Quantitative Methods 2")
- **SOCI 703** Bibliographic Methods 3 (0)
- **SOCI 704** Bibliographic Methods 4 (0)

#### **Complementary Courses (15 credits)**

Five substantive courses at the 500,600 or 700 level offered by the department.

*PhD1 students must also take the courses below (SOCI 504, 580, 600, 652). If an exemption is obtained for one or more of these seminars, PhD1 students must then substitute another one in its place. PhD2 students who have not taken the four courses listed below (SOCI 504, 580, 600, 652) must make up the deficiencies. (up to 12 credits)*

- **SOCI 504** Quantitative Methods 1 (3)
- **SOCI 580** Social Research Design & Practice (3)
- **SOCI 600** Qualitative Research Methods 1 (3) (formerly SOCI 540)
- **SOCI 652** Current Sociological Theory (3)

#### **Comprehensives**

- **SOCI 700** Ph.D. Area Examination 1\*(0)
- **SOCI 701** Ph.D. Area Examination 2\*(0)
- **SOCI 702** Ph.D. Proposal Approval (0)

\*Ph.D. Candidates must take examinations in two subfields of sociology. These fields will be chosen from the department's areas of specialization. Examinations must be completed and the student's candidacy for the degree established no later than by the end of the third year of graduate study.

#### **Language Requirement**

Ph.D. Candidates must demonstrate an ability to read French with high proficiency or to read another language relevant to their field of research. The language requirement ideally should be met by the end of the third year and may be satisfied by taking approved language courses McGill.

Another way to satisfy the language requirement is by an examination in the department. A faculty member is asked to select an excerpt of French sociological text of approximately 1,000 words. The student then translates the document from French to English and has the use of a French dictionary. Students should contact the Graduate Program Director to make the request to take this exam.

### **Thesis**

Ph.D. Candidates are required to submit a thesis on an approved topic. The topic must be approved by a dissertation proposal committee convened by the student's dissertation supervisor. The thesis should be completed within five years after the initial residency period of two-three years.

Further details on the requirements and regulations for the thesis and the fields in which the department is prepared to direct research may be obtained from the sociology department website at [www.mcgill.ca/sociology](http://www.mcgill.ca/sociology) and at the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps>.

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## **Ph.D. in Sociology – Gender and Women’s Studies Option/Concentration - REQUIREMENTS**

The Graduate Option in Gender and Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary program for students who meet the degree requirements in Sociology who wish to earn 9 credits of approved coursework focusing on gender and women's studies, and issues in feminist research and methods. The student's doctoral thesis must be on a topic centrally relating to issues of gender and/or women's studies.

### **Required Courses (9 credits)**

- **SOCI 505** Causes and Errors (3) (formerly titled “Quantitative Methods 2”)
- **SOCI 703** Bibliographic Methods 3 (0)
- **SOCI 704** Bibliographic Methods 4 (0)
- **WMST 601** Feminist Theories and Methods (3)
- **WMST 602** Feminist Research Symposium (3)

### **Complementary Courses (15 credits)**

15 credits of complementary courses at the 500,600 or 700 level.

(Four of these five courses must be taken within the department, one of the five must be on gender/women’s issues).

*PhD1 students must also take the courses below (SOC1 504, 580, 600, 652). If an exemption is obtained for one or more of these seminars, PhD1 students must then substitute another one in its place. PhD2 students who have not taken the four courses listed below (SOC1 504, 580, 600, 652) must make up the deficiencies. (up to 12 credits)*

- **SOCI 504** Quantitative Methods 1 (3)
- **SOCI 580** Social Research Design & Practice (3)
- **SOCI 600** Qualitative Research Methods 1 (3) (formerly SOC1 540)
- **SOCI 652** Current Sociological Theory (3)

### **Comprehensives**

- **SOCI 700** Ph.D. Area Examination 1\*(0)
- **SOCI 701** Ph.D. Area Examination 2\*(0)
- **SOCI 702** Ph.D. Proposal Approval (0)

(proposal subject to department approval and to participating faculty members in Gender and Women's Studies program)

\*Ph.D. Candidates must take examinations in two subfields of sociology. These fields will be chosen from the department's areas of specialization. Examinations must be completed and the student's candidacy for the degree established no later than by the end of the third year of graduate study.

### **Language Requirement**

Ph.D. Candidates must demonstrate an ability to read French with high proficiency or to read another language relevant to their field of research. The language requirement should ideally be met by the end of the third year and may be satisfied by taking approved language courses McGill.

Another way to satisfy the language requirement is by an examination in the department. A faculty member is asked to select an excerpt of French sociological text of approximately 1,000 words. The student then translates the document from French to English and has the use of a French dictionary. Students should contact the Graduate Program Director to make the request to take this exam.

### **Thesis**

The doctoral thesis must be on a topic centrally relating to gender and/or women's studies and approved by the department and participating faculty members in the Gender and Women's Studies program. The thesis should be completed within five years after the initial residency period of two-three years.

Further details on the requirements and regulations for the thesis and the fields in which the department is prepared to direct research may be obtained from the sociology department website at [www.mcgill.ca/sociology](http://www.mcgill.ca/sociology) and at the Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website <http://www.mcgill.ca/gps>.