

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Graduate Student Research Report/Thesis Committee Application
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As the culminating project for their Masters' thesis, Sociology graduate students are asked to complete either a theory-driven paper or an applied paper driven by practical recommendations for a local organization. Students interested in building sociological theory should take the Thesis track and students interested in providing recommendations should take the Applied track.

All students must complete this MA Committee Proposal in the semester preceding registration for either SOC 691 Research Internship (for Applied students) or SOC 699 thesis credits (for Thesis students). The application will be discussed and voted on by the faculty.

Prior to submission of this application, students should select a committee chair who: (1) is a current member of Sociology graduate faculty, (2) has expertise in the area you have selected, and (3) agrees to serve as your research advisor.

-If you are completing a Research Report, you need only one person to chair the project.

-If you are completing a Thesis, then with the guidance of your proposed advisor, select another full-time Sociology graduate faculty member to serve on your committee, ask them to agree to serve.

NOTE: If you are switching tracks (i.e., you initially registered for the Applied track but want to do a Thesis or vice versa), be sure to submit to the Grad School a completed "Program Change" form: (<https://www.unco.edu/graduate-school/pdf/Program-Change.pdf>)

Application deadline: March 1st for students admitted to the Sociology MA Program in previous Fall. October 1st for students admitted to the Sociology MA Program in previous Spring

- Submissions should be approximately 2-3 pages, single-spaced, with an additional page for references.
- Submit Application Electronically to: Sociology Graduate Program Coordinator
- Copy your advisor and prospective committee members on the email.

All applications must include:

- Cover Sheet
 - Proposed committee chair and, if the project is a thesis, a second reader and brief rationale for each selection
- Purpose statement, research question, and study design
- Rationale for project and how it will support your professional goals
- Proposed timeline
- Anticipated completion date of project
- Working bibliography of seminal works in your area of study (minimum 5 scholarly sources)

Research report applications must include:

- Potential site(s) for SOC 691, rationale for these sites, any approvals already collected

Sociology Department MA Committee Application Cover Sheet

Name:

Project Title:

Thesis or Research Report:

Committee chair:

If thesis, second reader:

This Section: Sociology Faculty Use Only

- Date Discussed by Sociology Faculty:
- Committee Chair Approved?
- Second Reader Approved?
- Recommendation:
 - Research Report
 - Thesis
- Feedback to Student:

Signature: _____
Sociology Graduate Program Coordinator

Date: _____