

Sociology (SOCI)

Advancement to Candidacy for Ph.D.

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Complete Coursework & Program Requirements

- Finish require core and elective courses (60 units total; GPA = 3.2).
- Minimum 4 semesters of academic residence.

2

Fulfill Special Requirements

- Serve as TA/TFL under faculty supervision.

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Qualifying Examination (QE)

- Take exam by the 6th semester (no later than the start of the 7th).
- Submit Application for Qualifying Exam (AQE) at least 30 days before exam directly to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed.
- Submit Qualifying Exam Report (QER) within 45 days of exam directly to Graduate Division (gradservices@ucmerced.edu) with your SSHA Graduate Services Coordinator CC'ed regardless of examination results.

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Master's Along the Way (MAW) (Optional)

- Petition to receive an M.A. en route.
- Submit Mater's ATC Form and Conflict of Interest webform.
- After approval, file Graduation Application and complete Graduate Division requirements: [Graduate Division - Graduation](#).

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Dissertation Proposal & Advancement to Candidacy (Ph.D.)

- Submit Ph.D. Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) form and Conflict of Interest form after QE.



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