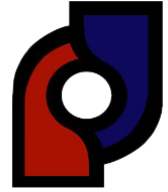


# THE MA SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM



Degree: **Master of Arts**  
Name of Major Field: **Sociology**  
Official Acronym: **MA Sociology**  
Unit offering the major field: **Department of Social Sciences**  
**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**UP Los Baños**

## Brief description of the major field

The MA Sociology program was designed, first, to underscore, the relevance of sociology as a professional field, with emphasis on the sub-areas of social organization, social psychology and demography, and second, to complement the science-and-technology oriented curricula of the other academic units in UPLB. The main thrust of the program is to enhance understanding of the basic social processes especially those which are meant to bring about improvement in the quality of human life. The program seeks to combine: (a) the breadth of the liberal arts tradition and (b) the depth of specialization in the field of Sociology. There are two streams in the program: the quantitative and the qualitative stream.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the MA Sociology program can expect work opportunities in all sectors – academe, industries, government organizations, and non-government organizations. Some of our graduates work as personnel officer at HRDO; others work at companies and industries with research and development projects. MA Sociology graduates are articulate and well-versed in the theoretical and applied aspects of development and change. Fast growing trends in technology give rise to unprecedented change in the social institutions of society. Sociologists with their training in both theoretical and applied aspects have the capacity to understand and explain social issues, trends and social concerns that can impact society in the domestic and global levels.

## Prospective Students

Prospective students in MA Sociology are practitioners with varied basic academic training, researchers, managers, entrepreneurs, development workers, politicians, etc.

## Contact Information

Key Person **The Chair, Department of Social Sciences**  
Phone Number/s **(+63 49) 536-3446; (+63 49) 536-2440**  
Email Address/es **[dss\\_uplb@yahoo.com.ph](mailto:dss_uplb@yahoo.com.ph); [dss.uplb@gmail.com](mailto:dss.uplb@gmail.com)**  
Facebook Page **UPLB Department of Social Sciences**

## Detailed Description

Area of Specialization	Description
Social Organization	Provides a theoretical and analytical background for students to enable them to make critical analysis and evaluation of social organizations and their significance, structures and processes of power, and theories and models of social and cultural change.
Social Psychology	Gives students a background in general social psychology, with emphasis on forms and processes of social influence, structure and measurement of attitudes and models of attitude change.
Demography	Provides insights into complexities of population processes and relationships between processes and broader social context.

## REQUIREMENTS AND MECHANICS TO GRADUATE

### MA SOCIOLOGY CURRICULUM

#### COURSE DISTRIBUTION

A. Core Courses (enroll both courses or 6 units)

- SOC 250 3
- SOC 295 or SOC 292 3

B. Major Courses (9 units)

1. Courses in each of the 3 sub-areas (enroll 9 units)

1.1 Social Organization (enroll only ONE course or 3 units)

- SOC 205 3
- SOC 212 3
- AERS 261 3

1.2 Social Psychology (3)

- SOC 232/CED 232 3

1.3 Demography (3)

- SOC 242 3

2. Other Courses (enroll 6-7 units)

- SOC 260 3
- SOC 265 3
- PSY 255 3
- SOC 290 1-3
- SOC 291 1-3

3. Thesis and Seminars (enroll 7 units)

- SOC 299 1
- SOC 300 6 (3-3 or 2-2-2)

C. Cognate Courses (enroll 9 units or three courses)

The student can register minor courses in other social science disciplines offered at UPLB:

	College
Agrarian Studies	CPAf
Agribusiness Management	CEM
Agricultural Economics	CEM
Agricultural Education	CA
Agricultural Marketing	CEM
Applied Nutrition	CHE
Community Development	CPAf
Development Communication	CDC
Environmental Studies	SESAM
Extension Education	CA
Family Resource Management	CHE
Rural Development Management	CA
Rural Sociology	CA
Social Forestry	CFNR

**Total units: 37-38 units**

**Core courses of the major field**

Course Number	Course Title	Units	Prerequisite/s	Semester Offered
SOC 250	Advanced Sociological Theories	3	SOC 150 or COI	2
SOC 295 or	Survey Research	3	SOC 195 or COI	2
SOC 292	Qualitative Social Research	3	SOC 250 or COI	1

### Specialized courses of the major field

Course Number	Course Title	Units	Prerequisite/s	Semester Offered
SOC 205	Formal Organizations	3	SOC 100 or COI	1
SOC 212	Sociology of Power	3	COI	2
AERS 261	Social and Cultural Change	3	COI	1,2
SOC 232/ CED 232	Advanced Social Psychology	3	COI	2
SOC 242	Population Studies	3	COI	1
SOC 260	Technology Assessment and Impact Analysis	3	COI	2
SOC265/ ENS 265	Gender and the Environment	3	COI	1
PSY 255/ENS 255	Environmental Psychology	3	COI	2
SOC 290	Special Problems	1-3	COI	
SOC 291	Special Topics	1-3		
SOC 299	Graduate Seminar	1		1,2

### Faculty

Name	Highest Degree	Specialization/Research Interest	GS Appointment	Email Address
<b>Abrigo, Girlie Nora A.</b>	MA Sociology	Sociology of Agriculture, Sociology of Disaster, Social Gerontology, Sociology of Development, and Program Evaluation and Impact Assessment	MA Advisory Committee Chair and Committee Member	<a href="mailto:gaabrigo@up.edu.ph">gaabrigo@up.edu.ph</a>
<b>Alagad, Kristine R.</b>	MA Education, PhD Psychology (Candidate)	Social Psychology/ Social Cognition, Interaction, Influence; Diversity, Inclusion, and Well being; Health Psychology	MA Advisory Committee Member	<a href="mailto:kralagad@up.edu.ph">kralagad@up.edu.ph</a>
<b>De Guzman, Rowena P.</b>	MA Sociology	Sociology of Agriculture; Extension Education; Evaluation and Impact Assessment; Digital Sociology	MA Advisory Committee Chair; Committee Member	<a href="mailto:rpdeguzman2@up.edu.ph">rpdeguzman2@up.edu.ph</a>
<b>Landicho, Nancy M.</b>	MA Demography	Maternal and Child Health; Community Health Programs, Morbidities and Mortality,	MA Advisory Committee Member	<a href="mailto:nmlandicho2@up.edu.ph">nmlandicho2@up.edu.ph</a>

		Fertility and Reproductive Health		
<b>Llangco, Mark Oliver S.</b>	Phd Sociology	Social Research Methods, Qualitative Research, Research Ethics, Gender and Development	PhD Advisory Committee Member, MA Advisory Committee Chair and Member	<a href="mailto:mosllangco@up.edu.ph">mosllangco@up.edu.ph</a>
<b>Maranan, Noahlyn C.</b>	PhD International and Political Studies MA Psychology	Memory studies, Environmental psychology	MA Advisory Committee Member	<a href="mailto:ncmaranan@gmail.com">ncmaranan@gmail.com</a>
<b>Pacardo-Mercado, Athenee</b>	MA Sociology	Environmental Sociology; Development Sociology; Gender; Urban Studies	MA Advisory Committee Member	<a href="mailto:apmercado1@up.edu.ph">apmercado1@up.edu.ph</a>
<b>Pangilinan-Jamolin, Lei A.</b>	MA Sociology	Sociology of Power, Gender Studies, Social Stratification	MA Advisory Committee Chair and Member	<a href="mailto:lapangilinan@up.edu.ph">lapangilinan@up.edu.ph</a>
<b>Rodriguez, Maria Victoria C.</b>	MA Demography	Child Health and Morbidity, Aging Population, Teenage Pregnancy	MA Advisory Committee Member	<a href="mailto:mcrodriguez7@up.edu.ph">mcrodriguez7@up.edu.ph</a>

*Other UPLB Faculty Members with degrees in Sociology:*

**College of Human Ecology** Assoc. Prof. Emilinda T. Mendoza (MA Sociology, UP Diliman)

**College of Development Communication** Asst. Prof. Winifredo B. Dagli (MA Sociology, UP Diliman)

### MA Sociology Courses

Course Number	Course Title	Description
SOC 250	Advanced Sociological Theories	Critique of major sociological theories and neo-versions as they apply to social realities and concerns.
SOC 295	Survey Research	Basic logic and skills of survey research design and analysis; uses and implications of survey research.
SOC 292	Qualitative Social Research	Perspectives, methods, analysis, and interpretation in qualitative research.
SOC 205	Formal Organizations	Comparison and critical analysis of theoretical and methodological approaches to modern formal

		organizations; role of formal organizations in developed and developing countries.
SOC 212	Sociology of Power	Power as a social phenomenon; theories, structures and processes of power in society.
AERS 261	Social and Cultural Change	Theories and models of social and cultural change, with emphasis on technology and social change, particularly problems related to the acceptance and diffusion of innovation in agriculture and other areas.
SOC 232/ CED 232	Advanced Social Psychology	Issues in social perception, cognition, social influence and social relationships.
SOC 242	Population Studies	Population concepts, methods and issues related to society.
SOC 260	Technology Assessment and Impact Analysis	Basic features and strategies of technology assessment with emphasis on environmental, economic, social and institutional impact analyses and evaluation; policy implications of technology.
SOC 265/ ENS 265	Gender and the Environments	Theories, research, and issues relevant to the analyses of gender relations in the home and work environment.
PSY 255/ENS 255	Environmental Psychology	Analysis of the confluence of psychological processes and environmental context from a transactional perspective.
SOC 290	Special Problems	
SOC 291	Special Topics	
SOC 299	Graduate Seminar	
SOC 300	Master's Thesis	

*Note: Comprehensive Examination (oral) is required prior to thesis writing, re-examination must be written.*

## **ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM**

Admission to the program is in accordance with the entrance rules and regulations of the UPLB Graduate School which include the following:

- a duly accomplished application form from the Graduate School;
- an official transcript of record in the English language from each college previously attended;
- two letters of recommendation from former professors;
- a certification of English proficiency by a professor in English for applicants from countries where English is not the medium of instruction and/or not the native language;
- a non-refundable application fee of P 100 for Filipino citizens or US\$ 25 for foreign nationals in bank draft or international money order remitted to the Graduate School.

The deadline for admission is set by the Graduate School.

Additional Requirements for Prospective Graduate Students in Sociology (revised as of December 2, 2009).

1. All students admitted to the program whose undergraduate degree is from UP should have a GWA of 2.5 or better in his/her undergraduate degree. Failure to meet the required GWA places the admission of the student on probationary status. Probationary status will be lifted only after the student has earned a GWA of 2.0 or better in the first six (6 ) units of graduate courses enrolled.
2. All students admitted to the program whose undergraduate degree is not from UP should have a GWA of 2.0 or better in his/her undergraduate degree.
3. All students admitted to the program whose undergraduate degree is not in the Social Sciences should have at least two (2) years work experience.