

## PLAN A MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM IN SOCIOLOGY

### **Student Learning Outcomes for the Plan MA Degree**

- a. understanding of a broad range of sociological theories and methods, and commonly used statistical techniques
- b. ability to design a feasible research project to address a sociological problem or issue of theoretical interest
- c. understanding of principles of protection of human subjects and how to design sociological research that respects and protects human subjects.
- d. ability to carry out an independent research project to collect and analyze research data that addresses a sociological question
- e. ability to interpret research results in relation to sociological theory, to draw reasonable inferences, and to report research results and conclusions accurately and effectively.

### **Curriculum Map**

<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>REQUIREMENT</b>
<b>a</b>	Required graduate core course in theory (611 or 612) with undergraduate theory course (321 or equivalent) as prerequisite; required basic statistics course (476/L, with 605 optional), and required methods course (Soc. 475, 478, 604, 606, 608, 609, or 691 )
<b>b</b>	Detailed thesis proposal, which must be approved by student's thesis committee.
<b>c</b>	Soc. 606 includes certification in human subjects protection for investigators; students must obtain human subjects committee approval for all thesis research involving human subjects or data on living humans. Consideration of human subjects protection is concurrent with development of an acceptable thesis proposal.
<b>d</b>	Thesis data collection, data analysis, and write-up
<b>e</b>	Thesis write-up and oral defense.