



SOCIOLOGY **GRADUATE** **PROGRAM**



Department of Sociology
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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INSPIRING FUTURE LEADERS

Michigan State University's Department of Sociology is dedicated to preparing students for careers in academia and the public and private sectors.

We have a diverse range of research and teaching areas represented in the Department, but we are especially strong in our three signature areas: **Environment, Health and Medicine**, and **Migration**.

Our faculty and graduate students conduct theoretical, applied, and policy-relevant research nationally and internationally in our signature areas and other related fields.

A hallmark of the program is the integration of interdisciplinary applications into research and teaching, reflecting the department's broad and deep working relationships with many other disciplines such as agriculture, biomedical sciences, education, and natural resources.

Students also may choose to enhance their Sociology training with a Dual Major in **Environmental Science and Policy**, or a transcriptable certificate. Those popular with recent doctoral candidates include **Animal Studies; Chicano/Latino Studies; Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change;** and **Women's Studies**.

SIGNATURE AREAS

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



ENVIRONMENT

MSU Sociology is a leading department in environmental sociology, or the systematic study of human-environment interactions. Our faculty and graduate students examine how humans (individually, in organizations, or in larger social groups) affect the biophysical environment and how the biophysical environment influences social phenomena. Using a broad array of quantitative and qualitative methods, they investigate such subjects as environmental decision-making, climate change, bioenergy development, agriculture and food systems, coupled human and natural systems, animal studies, and water quality and management. In recent years, MSU environment scholars have secured research funding from the US National Science Foundation, US National Institutes of Health, and US Department of Agriculture, and several private philanthropic foundations.

MIGRATION

MSU Sociology is a recognized center of expertise and excellence in research, teaching and outreach on migration, transnationalism and diaspora. Our faculty and graduate students examine not only the forces behind human movement, but also the diversity of the populations involved, and the impact that they have in sending and receiving communities. Employing the full range of sociological methods, they specifically investigate the African diaspora; the demography of migration; race and refugees; development and migration; gender and migration; health and migration; migrant ethnic entrepreneurship; and migration integration. In recent years, MSU migration scholars have secured research funding from the US National Institutes of Health, US Department of State, US Social Science Research Council, and several private philanthropic foundations.

HEALTH AND MEDICINE

MSU Sociology has a critical mass of leading scholars in medical sociology and sociology of health. Our faculty and graduate students examine the social context of health, illness, and health care, with a central focus on health disparities; political, economic, and environmental factors that influence health outcomes; and societal forces that impact the health care system. Utilizing a broad suite of methodological and analytical approaches, they investigate the social organization of medicine, medical knowledge and professional practices, mental health, and health behaviors over the life course. In recent years, MSU health and medicine scholars have secured research funding from the U.S. National Institutes of Health, U.S. Centers for Medicaid/Medicare, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and several private philanthropic foundations.

APPLICATION

The deadline to apply to our doctoral program is December 15th. The department admits new full-time students in fall semesters only. For detailed application requirements, go to the Department of Sociology website at sociology.msu.edu/graduate/index

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