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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, Migration and Movements; Health, Medicine, and the Body;** and **Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality.**

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 **Center for Gender in a Global Context, Chicano/Latino Studies;** and **Women's Studies.**

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## **SOCIOLOGY** **GRADUATE** **PROGRAM**



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SIGNATURE AREAS

# RESEARCH EXCELLENCE



## ENVIRONMENT, MIGRATION, AND MOVEMENTS

MSU sociologists engaged in scholarship on the Environment, Migration and Movements focus on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, climate change, agriculture and food systems, animal studies, and water resources. We also examine the social psychology of environmental concern, public opinion, political economy, and the role of institutions in shaping human-environment interactions. A core group of MSU faculty studies how science and technology mediate the relationship between humans and the environment, especially regarding the perception, management, and change of environmental phenomena. In addition, many MSU faculty regularly engage in interdisciplinary research projects.

## HEALTH, MEDICINE AND THE BODY

Faculty and students active in the sociology department's Health, Medicine and the Body program study the social context of health, illness, and health care, with a central focus on health disparities by race/ethnicity, social class, gender, and marital status; political, economic, and environmental circumstances that threaten health; and societal forces that impact the health care system. Faculty members often collaborate with scholars across MSU's College of Human Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, and College of Communication Arts and Sciences. In recent years, research projects of affiliated faculty have been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Medicaid/Medicare, and United States Department of Agriculture.

## RACE, CLASS, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Faculty and students active in the sociology department's Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality research cluster are concerned with understanding social inequality through an intersectional lens, meaning as experienced by people with membership in multiple social groups at both the individual and structural levels.

Faculty members have many ongoing collaborations including with scholars across MSU's College of Social Science, College of Arts and Letters, School of Public Health, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Medicine, AgBio Research, College of Education, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Environmental Science and Policy Program, MSU Ethics Institute, MSU Institute of Water Research, James Madison College, and Lyman Briggs College.

## APPLICATION

The deadline to apply to our doctoral program is December 15. 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](https://sociology.msu.edu/graduate/index)

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