Full Time Faculty

Maria Alaniz (Professor) Sociology of Education, Race & Ethnic Relations, Social Science Teacher Preparation Program

Tanya Bakhr (Associate Professor) Global Women, Sexualities, Women’s Studies Program

Natalie Boero (Associate Professor) Medical Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Socialization

Peter Chua (Associate Professor) Social Theory, Global Sociology, Sexualities, Urban & City Life

Hien Do (Professor) Vietnamese Americans, Asian American Communities, Asian American Studies Program

Faustina DuCros (Assistant Professor) Race and Ethnicity; Internal Migration; Immigration; Sociology of Black Communities; Place; Qualitative Methods

Carlos Garcia (Associate Professor) Immigration, Quantitative Methods, Race & Ethnic Relations

Shahin Gerami (Professor) Women & Islam, Global Women, Women’s Studies Program

Amy Leisering (Associate Professor) Gender, Family, Intimate Partner Violence, Higher Education, Qualitative Methods

Susan Murray (Associate Professor) Gender, Family, Family Violence

Scott Myers-Lipton (Professor) Social Action, Community Change, Poverty & Inequality

Wendy Ng (Professor) Race & Ethnic Relations, Social Change, Japanese American Communities, Oral History

Mark Novak (Professor) Aging and the Life Course, Socialization (On-Leave 2014-15)

Preston Rudy (Assistant Professor) Theory, Social Change, Inequality, Work & Organizations, Labor Movements

Megan Thiele (Assistant Professor) Sociology of Higher Education, Environmental Sociology, Statistics and Quantitative Methods

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M.A. Degree in Sociology

Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (SISS) Department
The Sociology M.A. Program
"Sociological Analysis and Practice"

Our program provides students with a strong core theoretical foundation along with research and analytic skills. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to analyze, evaluate, and address a variety of social problems and issues.

The program takes approximately two years to complete, depending upon student motivation and outside obligations. Most classes are taught in the evening one night a week. Some classes meet twice a week in the late afternoon/early evening.

Admissions Requirements

Graduate Admissions is a two-step process. You must be accepted to the University. Additionally, for admission to our M.A. program we require a GPA of 3.0, a 2-4 page statement of purpose, 2 letters of recommendation, and a writing sample. You must also successfully complete several prerequisite courses.

For details on admission requirements to SJSU, please consult the Graduate Admissions and Program Evaluation website (http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/).

For details on admission requirements to the SISS Department, please view our department website: http://www.sjsu.edu/siss/academics/ma_soci/index.html

Program of Study

The MA program of study consists of 30 units of coursework. Students may choose between a program that involves completing a thesis or one that involves completing a special study (designed in consultation with a faculty advisor). All students must pass exams in methods and theory; students completing a special study also take exams in two elective courses.

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Career Possibilities

Graduates from the program work in a diverse array of applied and professional settings. These include work in probation, police and corrections, data analysis, marketing and public interest research, counseling, public and non-profit agencies, law, college teaching, and human resource management.

Our M.A. program also prepares students for continued studies in doctoral programs. Past students have been accepted to Ph.D. programs at U.C. Davis, U.C. Santa Cruz, University of Colorado, Stanford University, University of Oregon, Emory University, University of Iowa, the University of Limerick (Ireland), University of Texas at Austin, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Nebraska, and Syracuse University.

To contact the graduate advisor for the SISS Department, please refer to the department's directory. http://www.sjsu.edu/siss/faculty_staff/professors/index.html.