

Penn Sociology

Sample of Double Degree & Certificate Opportunities at Penn

Dual or joint degrees must be sought with the consultation of the Chair of the Graduate Group in Sociology and the Dean of the Graduate Division, School of Arts and Sciences.

Certificates are offered by various departments at the University of Pennsylvania and often can be completed as you work on your Sociology degree. You should consult with the Chair of the Graduate Group if you are interested in pursuing a certificate from another department.

Double Degree and Certificates at Penn

It is possible to earn a dual or joint PhD in Sociology and other disciplines, such as law or medicine. Students may also earn a joint degree, by being admitted to and satisfying the requirements of two graduate groups, and writing a single dissertation. Students seeking a joint PhD combining Sociology with some other field must be admitted in that field (as well as Sociology); **admittance to the second program may occur after admission to the Sociology program.**

The following pages provide basic information on some of the opportunities for double degrees and certificates in combination with the Sociology Doctoral degree at Penn. Please visit the websites that are listed for more information. **Remember, if you are interested in any dual or joint degree possibilities, please consult with the Sociology Department Graduate Chair.**

***This is not an exhaustive list; students who are interested in supplementing their Sociology degree are encouraged to look into additional opportunities based on research interests.*

Sociology / Demography Joint PH.D

Graduate Group in Demography Contact:

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Demography Program: <https://www.pop.upenn.edu/demography-phd-program>

From the Graduate Group in Demography Website:

The Graduate Group in Demography administers the Ph.D. program in demography. The Ph.D. program in demography includes the acquisition of an A.M. degree in demography. We do not however offer a terminal master's degree program here at Penn. The Graduate Group in Demography is responsible for training students through course work and supervised research. Those seeking a Ph.D. degree in Demography should apply to the Graduate Group in Demography.

Demography has a long and proud tradition at Penn, and students seeking to specialize in it have an unusually broad array of courses from which to pick and a relatively large number of faculty members with whom they can work. Penn is unique in having professors who teach and conduct research within virtually all substantive areas of population.

The Population Studies Center provides office and work space for graduate students, both those in the Graduate Group in Demography and those otherwise affiliated with the Center and its research projects. These include access to the Demography Library and to computing facilities. The Center sponsors a weekly seminar series that affords students the opportunity to keep abreast of the latest work by leading scholars in the field of populations, as well as less formal opportunities to interact with visiting scholars.

Sociology PH.D, Master's Degree in Statistics at Wharton

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Website: <https://statistics.wharton.upenn.edu/programs/dualmasters/>

From Wharton's Website:

The Dual MS Degree in Statistics is offered only to students enrolled in a Ph.D. program other than Statistics at Penn. The requirements [for the Wharton Master's Degree in Statistics] are completion of the following:

- (1) Six 500 level or 900 level Statistics Department courses.
- (2) Four additional approved Penn courses with statistical content. These can be Statistics Department courses or courses from other departments.
 - a. Note: Approval of the student's list of 10 courses for (1) and (2) is subject to approval of the Director of Graduate Studies of the Department of Statistics.
- (3) An approved master's thesis. The master's thesis is a research paper that makes substantial use of statistics and is not part of a student's dissertation (though it can be related to the dissertation work) or material you completed for a course (though it can build on a paper completed for a course). The thesis can be original research or can be a literature review of some area of statistics related to a student's research. The thesis must be approved by a standing faculty member in the Statistics Department who has agreed to serve as an adviser for the project.

Sociology / Penn Graduate School of Education Joint Degree

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Institute of Education Sciences Fellowship at Penn GSE

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From Penn IES website:

Penn's IES Predoctoral Training Fellowship has been designed to address the need for more rigorous and scientific research in education, as well as making research more useful for educational leaders and practitioners who will be the ones to actually lead and implement policies designed to improve student outcomes. We seek to nurture in students a scientific culture of education research and to work toward the goal where scientific research will be the norm, not the exception.

This Training Fellowship prepares fellows to do rigorous research to inform rich theory development, but, more importantly, to determine the effectiveness of strategies aimed at improving educational outcomes. This program is designed for Ph.D. students committed to careers in applied, field-based education research who want to gain expertise in interdisciplinary research methods including randomized controlled trials of educational interventions and innovations. The program structure provides the scaffolding that enables fellows to attain this broader and deeper set of skills without materially altering their time to degree completion through weekly lectures, special trainings, apprenticeships and participation in research conferences.

Sociology / Africana Studies Dual Degree

Contact: Carol Davis, Graduate Coordinator: daviscl@sas.upenn.edu

Requirements webpage: <https://africana.sas.upenn.edu/department/phd-requirements>

From the Africana Studies website:

The Program is designed to provide students with the flexibility to design courses of study that reflect their individual interests and are responsive to emerging fields of research within African, African American, and African Diaspora Studies. The program's requirements have also been specifically designed so that dual degree students can complete all requirements in both programs. The Program admits students for the PhD degree only.

Graduate Certificate Program in Africana Studies

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Requirements webpage: <https://africana.sas.upenn.edu/department/certificate-program>

From the Africana Studies website:

The Graduate Certificate Program in Africana Studies draws on Department faculty as well as other faculty from departments in the School of Arts and Sciences and other schools of the University.

Purpose

The Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies provides students with an interdisciplinary, comparative, cross-national approach to the social sciences and humanities. This approach enables participants to address their research interests from a wide variety of perspectives than is typically allowed in traditional academic disciplines. The Graduate Certificate Program—particularly participation in the proseminar—gives students a familiarity with the essential social, historical, cultural, economic, and political background for studying issues that are central to the Africana experience, and the ability to produce richly contextualized analyses while maintaining their focus within one discipline.

Benefits

The Certificate Program expands the professional options of its graduates by providing interdisciplinary training and exposure to the totality of the African Diasporic experience. Such training provides graduates with the flexibility to teach in both traditional academic departments (e.g., one of the cognate disciplines) as well as in programs in Afro- or African American Studies, African Studies, Africana Studies, Black Studies, Ethnic Studies or American Studies. The Certificate Program is also open to students from other schools (e.g., Nursing, Engineering, and the Graduate School of Education) and graduate students enrolled in non-PhD. courses of study.

Sociology Ph.D / Masters of Public Health [MPH] (Ph.D / MPH)

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Requirements webpage: <http://www.publichealth.med.upenn.edu/phd-mph.shtml>

From Penn Master's Of Public Health Website:

Prospective students who are matriculating into any School in the University have the option of applying to the MPH Program for Joint Degree status. Students apply separately to each program and each program makes an independent admission's evaluation. If a joint-degree applicant lacks sufficient relevant public health experience, admission to MPH will be partially contingent on acceptance into the other graduate program. Joint-degree applicants are advised to apply to the MPH program as early in the academic year as possible, and to indicate on each application that they have applied, or have been admitted, to another program. Please note: students may have exploratory conversations with faculty/advisors/staff of each program before they apply; however, any curriculum planning prior to admission is considered tentative and will be re-evaluated after admission.

Before or upon admission to the MPH program, the student will obtain approval from their home school (primary program) chair/director to pursue a joint-degree program with the MPH. The program chair/director will sign the Joint Degree Approval Form to indicate his/her approval. This form will be kept in the students' file in the MPH program office.

Sociology Ph.D / Master of Public Health Certificate Program:

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Requirements webpage:

<http://www.publichealth.med.upenn.edu/CertificatePrograminPublicHealthStudies.shtm>

From the Master of Public Health website:

The Master of Public Health Program provides a generalist certificate in the core public health content areas. The certificate courses are drawn from the core MPH curriculum. Enrollment in the certificate program in public health studies is open to graduate or professional students at Penn.

Eligibility

Any matriculated graduate or professional student at Penn who is in good academic standing (3.3 minimum GPA) is welcome to apply. Permission of your department is required. It is strongly recommended that applicants have prior coursework in biologic sciences and/or chemistry and have demonstrated proficiency in math. Certificate students must obtain a B- or better in all coursework to fulfill the requirements for the certificate.

Certificate in Law (from the Penn Law School)

Contact: Sherita Ragins at sragins@law.upenn.edu

Requirements website: <https://www.law.upenn.edu/registrar/certificate-in-law.php>

From the Penn Law website:

Just as lawyers benefit from a better understanding of related disciplines, so do scholars, practitioners, and medical doctors gain from knowledge of the legal issues facing their fields.

Our Certificate of Study in Law gives Penn students an opportunity to become immersed in important legal topics in the areas of their academic interests.

Certificate Program Opportunities & Requirements

- Successfully complete four courses in the general area of Law and related issues.
- Take a minimum of three of these courses at Penn Law. One additional course may be taken at the Law School or may be approved from related courses in any of the University's graduate and professional schools.
- These courses may be completed at any time during the candidate's masters, doctoral or medical studies.
- Students must achieve at least a grade of B- in all courses counting toward the Certificate.
- The Certificate of Study in Law will be granted by the University of Pennsylvania Law School faculty to masters, doctoral candidates and medical students who successfully complete its requirements.

For more information please visit: <https://www.law.upenn.edu/registrar/certificate-in-law.php>

Certificate in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)

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Requirements website: <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/lals/content/graduate-certificate-lals>

From LALS website:

Doctoral students affiliated with any department or School at the University of Pennsylvania who have focused at least part of their academic training on Latin America and Latinos are encouraged to document their specialization by earning a Certificate in LALS in conjunction with their doctoral degree. The Certificate documents that the student has developed rich cross-cultural fluency in Latin American traditions and culture and acquired specific knowledge about the history, social conditions, political challenges, or environmental issues affecting the region. Such recognition is expected to be valuable in academics, business, non-governmental organizations and other institutions dealing with Latin America and Latinos in the U.S.

Certificate requirements

1. Five approved graduate level courses related to Latin America, including the Caribbean, or Latinos in the U.S. These courses may be selected from LALS courses listed each term. Students may request special approval for other courses to count towards this requirement as long as 50% of the graded content deals with Latin America or Latinos.
2. Students must demonstrate proficiency in Spanish, French, Portuguese, or a less commonly taught language such as Yucatec Maya, Quechua, Haitian Creole, etc. Language proficiency can be demonstrated by proof of being a native speaker, evidence of extensive fieldwork in the language in question, language certificates or exams. In rare cases students can petition a waiver of the language requirement if their research focuses on Latinos in the U.S. or other situations where foreign language proficiency might not be necessary. In such situations, the student must substitute the language requirement with an additional course.

Students interested in applying to the Certificate should contact LALS (lals@sas.upenn.edu) or the LALS director directly.

The Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

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Requirements webpage:

<http://womensandgenderstudies.uncc.edu/graduate-certificate-gender-sexuality-and-women>

From the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies website:

The Graduate Certificate in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies is designed to enrich students' traditional disciplinary training. The Certificate provides Ph.D. students with opportunities to think in an integrated fashion about gender, sexuality, and women, and to engage with a variety of approaches including feminist, critical race, queer, and transgender theories as well as various disciplinary methodologies.

Graduate Certificate in Urban Studies

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Requirements website: <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/urban/students/graduate-certificate>

From the Urban Studies website:

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Graduate Urban Studies Program offers a Certificate in Urban Studies to be taken in conjunction with a Ph.D. offered by the University through one of the disciplines or professional schools. It is aimed at students who want to augment their disciplinary studies to address urban topics or problems from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Program draws on faculty and encourages course-taking from the various departments of the School of Arts and Sciences and other schools of the University. Our students' interests have focused on many areas of the world and include: housing, employment, economic development, finance, social welfare, poverty, education, community organization, history, ethnicity, culture, family, architecture, urban design, planning, law, and policy.

PURPOSE

How should the new leaders in urban theory, research, policy, and practice be educated? Urbanism is not the subject of any one discipline or profession. It does not honor the boundaries with which scholars and practitioners have divided their respective worlds. At the same time, the disciplines and professions require mastery of theories and tools essential to reasoned, effective approaches to urban-related issues. This tension between disciplinary and interdisciplinary study complements the tension between theory and practice.

By themselves, neither theory nor practice provide the key to the education of urban leaders. Abstracted from practice, theory lacks grounding in an appreciation of the complicated day-to-day interactions and struggles that constitute experience within a city. At the same time, successful practice requires the ability to step back from daily conflicts, to analyze them within a larger framework, to assess the consequences of action, and to apply sophisticated tools to the solution of problems.

Therefore, an appropriate and effective education in urban studies needs to combine mastery of a discipline or profession with interdisciplinary study and to join theory with practice. This combination of theory with practice underlies the design of the Graduate Certificate Program in Urban Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

BENEFITS

The Program increases its graduates' professional options by helping to prepare them for research careers in both academic and policy settings. By providing them with the flexibility to teach within both conventional disciplines and urban-related programs and professional schools, it will enhance their attractiveness in the academic job market. Through its combination of rigorous, disciplinary-based research training with the interdisciplinary analysis of urban issues and the application of ideas to practice, the Program will develop their skills as policy researchers. The Graduate Certificate Program in Urban Studies at the University of Pennsylvania responds to the need for leadership in urban research, policy, and governance.

Certificate in Politics (from the Penn Fels Institute of Government)

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From the Penn Fels Institute of Government Website:

The Politics Certificate offers current and aspiring leaders a practical education to working in the political realm. The graduate level certificate can be completed in one year of part-time study as a stand-alone program, or can be combined with another graduate program, including the MPA.

The certificate has a broad-based curriculum and covers the fundamental competencies of political management.

Upon completing the certificate, students will be prepared to work in a wide range of spheres ranging from political consulting to elected office to politically-based governmental positions.