Sociology Graduate Certificate Program at Appalachian State University

The Graduate Certificate in Sociology is designed to provide a solid post-baccalaureate foundation in Sociology. The six-course curriculum provides graduate-level training for those students who have a Master's degree in another field but may plan on teaching some of the most common sociology courses offered at the undergraduate level (e.g., Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Sociology of the Family, and Social Inequality). It also provides training in Sociological Theory and Research Methods, which will not only aid in teaching but also provide foundational knowledge for further graduate study in sociology. Overall, the 18 credit hours earned will typically qualify students who also hold a master's degree in another field of study to teach sociology courses at most colleges and universities nationwide.

Details about the Program

- Can be completed 100% online
- No requirement to be logged on at a particular day or time
- No requirement to come to the main campus
- Can be completed in either one or two years
- The program is cohort based, each cohort commencing in the Fall term.

Course Requirements (18 hours minimum)

- Fall

    o SOC 5025: Advanced General Sociology

    o SOC 5350 – Contemporary Social Issues

- Spring

    o SOC 5110: Advanced Research Methods

    o SOC 5200: Sociological Theory

- Summer

    o SOC 5750: Social Stratification

    o SOC 5800: Sociology of the Families

Careers

- Community College Instructor
  - Teaching courses for Sociology, Criminology, Deviance, and Family

Alumni Profile

"*The Graduate Certificate in Sociology has very helpful professors that also focus on providing the knowledge to students to become effective future Sociology college instructors. I spent a career in law enforcement and was teaching Criminal Justice college courses. However, I wanted to learn more about how the social world is connected the criminal justice system. I found the Graduate Certificate in Sociology from Appalachian State to be just what I was looking for.*" – Justin Ovaska '15

Program Faculty

Dr. Ellen Lamont

Dr. Bradley Nash

Dr. David Russell

Dr. Anastacia Schulhoff

Dr. Matthew Wright

Application Deadline

July 1

Admission Requirements

- Online application to graduate school
- Application fee
- Official transcripts
- Resume
- Personal statement

Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 2.7 GPA

For more information on this program, contact:

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