

Our New Graduate Program in Sociology

The Department of Sociology is pleased to announce the approval of our M.A. program in applied sociology. The start date is FALL 2010.

Program Description:

The M.A. will combine core courses in methods, theory and sociological practice with training in two thematic concentrations: **Sociology of Medicine and Health** and **Community Development and Social Change**.

The Program is designed to prepare graduates for careers in a variety of public and private organizations that require intellectual rigor and research-based decision-making and application. Specific expertise will include needs assessment and program evaluation, survey, statistical, secondary and qualitative data analysis applicable in local, national and international settings.

The curriculum will provide students with a strong theoretical and methodological foundation, with specialization in medical sociology or community development/social change. Courses focus on community development, health and illness, and the role of organizational structures and public policy in addressing contemporary social issues. Field work placements provide direct and practical experience with local public and private agencies addressing community health and social justice issues. The program will also serve as an ideal foundation for students wishing to pursue doctoral study in sociology or related disciplines.

If you have experience in community-based organizations, and/or an interest in community-global issues, and a commitment to social justice and human rights we encourage you to think about this new program.

Prerequisites

- A Bachelor's degree with a major in Sociology or related degree, and have earned a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units attempted.
- Completion of a minimum of one upper-division sociological theory and research methods course equivalent to SOC 356, SOC 357, SOC 355.
- Students whose undergraduate work is deficient in sociology will be required to complete appropriate pre-requisite courses. Course deficiencies will be determined by the Department's Graduate Committee after taking into account each student's background and goals. Prerequisite courses will not count toward credit in the M.A.
- Official scores from the Graduate Record Examination.
- Official transcripts.
- Three letters of recommendation, including at least two from individuals well acquainted with the applicant's academic ability.
- A 3-4 page personal statement describing the student's qualifications and reasons for wanting to pursue an Applied Sociology M.A. at CSULB.
- Experience in community organizations is helpful, but not required.

If you would like to be placed on our “interest” email list for regular updates, please forward your name and email to Dr. Betsy McEneaney at emcenean@csulb.edu.

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Best regards,

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