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Sociology’s 4+1 Social Justice M.A.
UConn’s Sociology Department 4+1 fast-track / 5th Year Masters program offers students an opportunity to earn both a bachelor’s degree and a Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology in five years. The Sociology 4+1 Social Justice MA program welcomes students with diverse academic backgrounds to strategically create social change that is democratic, inclusive and just. We offer the opportunity to learn about the historical, cultural, and social forces that shape our society to prepare for social justice related careers in the 21st century.
You will have the opportunity to learn from faculty dedicated to social justice research.

The 4+1 Sociology (Social Justice) degree program is a great fit for students who:

- Would like to earn a master’s degree to pursue careers related to social justice.
- Seek to strengthen their graduate school application for a doctoral study program.
- Become more effective within social justice causes.
- You don’t need to be a Sociology major to enter the Sociology (Social Justice) MA program, just an affinity for the discipline and a wish to engage in advanced study.
Students in this program become knowledgeable, flexible professionals, change agents, researchers, educators and advocates by critically addressing diverse intersectional experiences, quality of life and justice issues, field-based applications, and research for ongoing learning and writing.

The 4+1 program also saves money and time via a fast-tracked course of study and prepares students to work, research, and advocate on behalf of social justice.

Through examining a wide array of topics, students gain the training needed to analyze social, economic, cultural, political and legal inequalities and promote pathways to more just societies.

Only UConn undergraduates are eligible to enter the 5th Year Master of Arts in Sociology program.
4+1 Sociology, Social Justice Plan of Study

Students begin their 4+1 plan of study as undergraduates, taking:

- One Required Core Course: SOCI 1001, SCOI 1501 or SOCI 1251
- One Required Theory Course: SOCI 3251
- Two Required Methods Courses: SOCI 3201 and SOCI 3211Q or PSYCH 2100Q
- Four Graduate-level Sociology Courses (these will count towards both your B.A. and M.A. degrees), taken during your junior and/or senior year.

Note that you don’t have to be a Sociology major to be a part of the 4+1 program, though we encourage it.

Students continue their 4+1 plan of study as graduate students in their 5th year at UConn as M.A. students, taking:

- Three Graduate-level Sociology Courses (these will count towards your M.A. degree) in Fall of Year 5
- Three Graduate-level Sociology Courses (these will count towards your M.A. degree) in Spring of Year 5

Students must meet with the 4+1 program director while they are still an undergraduate (as early as possible, preferably in your sophomore or junior year!) in order to start taking graduate courses as an undergraduate and to be considered for the 4+1 program.
Application Process for Sociology’s Social Justice 4+1 Master’s Degree Program:

While you are still an undergraduate: Contact the program director during your sophomore, junior or beginning of your senior year to indicate your interest in the program and develop a plan of study. The sooner the better!

During your senior year: Apply formally for the +1 year via the Graduate School’s website. Applicants are required to submit:

- **Personal Statement:** In 2-3 pages double-spaced, tell us about yourself and your interest in joining the Fast-Track Program. What inspires you about sociology? What career paths are you considering? We want to make sure that the program will meet your needs and goals.

- **Resume:** This helps us understand your academic, volunteer, and work experiences.

- **Unofficial Transcripts:** In addition to the UConn transcripts, if you transferred into UConn please share with us those unofficial transcripts from other universities.

- **One academic letter of recommendation.**
**Program Overview:**

**Graduate Course Requirements for the 4+1:**

- **Four** of these courses will be taken while you are still an undergraduate.
- **Three** courses in one of these four Social Justice Tracks:

  
  **Gender, Sexualities, and Social Justice**

  Students pursuing the track in “Gender, Sexualities and Social Justice” become equipped to tackle important contemporary issues with extensive knowledge about gender research, theory and the ways gender is structured into our society and culture. Students will understand how different understandings of sexualities have informed social relations, the legal system, the body and health, policies and institutions of the state.

  - SOCI 5601: Gender and Society (repeatable for up to 6 credits)
  - SOCI 5602: Gender in Global Perspective
  - SOCI 5604: Sociology of Sexualities
  - SOCI 5613: Theories of Intersectionality
  - SOCI 5614: Sexual Citizenship
  - SOCI 5651: Seminar

  **Racism Studies and Inequality**

  Students will understand how social, economic and political systems shape the lives of racially oppressed people and apply this knowledge in your chosen career path.

  - SOCI 5501: Racism
  - SOCI 5505: Topics in Racism and Ethnic Group Relations
  - SOCI 5515: Sociology of Immigration
  - SOCI 5421: Seminar in Social Stratification
  - SOCI 5613: Theories of Intersectionality

  **Social Change and Social Justice**

  Understand the mechanisms of social change through organizing, conducting research and evaluating policies designed to create and implement innovations to change the world.

  - SOCI 5801: Political Sociology
  - SOCI 5821: Social Movements
  - SOCI 5825: Sociology of Human Rights
  - SOCI 5829: Social Change
  - SOCI 5806: Seminar in Theories of the State or SOCI 5809: Inequality and the Welfare State

  **Research Methods.**

  Embark on advanced training in research methods that can help provide you with the tools to understand the causes and solutions to inequality in order to foster a more just society.

  - SOCI 5210: Applied Survey Design and Analysis
  - SOCI 6203: Quantitative Research II
  - SOCI 6205: Advanced Topics in Quantitative Methods
  - SOCI 6231: Qualitative Research II

  **Additional Course Work**

  - **One** course in a separate track (that is not your primary track)
  - **Two** additional graduate-level sociology courses. With the consent of the program director, students can substitute one sociology elective for an approved course in another department.
  - **One** professional development course designed to help you navigate the world of social justice careers

  - SOCI 5XXX (TBA): Special topics Course: The Personal is Professional (official title TBA)
Questions?

- For more information email: phoebe.godfrey@uconn.edu
- We look forward to hearing from you!

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