



SOCIOLOGY MASTER'S PROGRAM

Valid: For students starting their studies in the 2020/2021/1 semester

General Informations:

Person responsible for the major: Dr. Beáta Nagy, professor

Place of the training: Budapest

Training schedule: full-time

Language of the training: English

Is it offered as dual training: yes

Specializations:

1. **Name of specialisation:** Global Social Studies

There is no separate person responsible for the specialisation.

Training and outcome requirements

1. **Master's degree title:** Sociology

2. **The level of qualification attainable in the Master's programme, and the title of the certification:**

- qualification level: master- (magister, abbreviation: MA)
- qualification in Hungarian: okleveles szociológus
- qualification in English: Sociologist

3. **Training area:** social sciences

4. **Degrees accepted for admittance into the Master's programme**

4.1. Accepted with the complete credit value: sociology and social studies undergraduate degrees.

4.2. May also be considered with the completion of the credits defined in section 9.4: undergraduate and Master's courses and courses as defined as per Act LXXX of 1993 on higher education that are accepted by the higher education institution's credit transfer committee based on a comparison of the studies that serve as the basis of the credits.

5. **Training duration, in semesters:** 4 semesters

6. **The number of credits to be completed for the Master's degree:** 120 credits

- degree orientation: balanced (40-60 percent)
- thesis credit value: 15 credits
- minimum credit value of optional courses: 6 credits

7. **International Standard Classification of Education field of education code:** 312

8. **Master's degree training objectives and professional competences**

The objective of the programme is the training of experts with a high level of sociological skill, who are capable of performing research, expert, educational, decision-making, management, planning, and organisation tasks independently or in groups in various fields of social life (research, education, culture, media, politics, economy, healthcare, environmental protection, settlement management, social policy). Graduates possess a modern understanding of social sciences, research methodology, and practice, interdisciplinary knowledge, and an international perspective. They are prepared to continue their training at the PhD level.





8.1. Attained professional competences

8.1.1. The sociologist has

a) knowledge

- Knows, understands, and interprets important sociological and social contexts at a high level.
- Possesses in-depth knowledge of all important segments of his/her specialist fields, and understands the definitive processes of sociology.
- Possesses the high-level quantitative and qualitative methodology knowledge utilisable in professional work and follows the major tendencies of social science methodology.
- Knows and understands the conceptual systems, main ideas, and schools of social sciences closely related to sociology.
- Knows and understands social issues that define the main tendencies of social science thinking.
- Possesses a high-level knowledge to navigate social decision-making mechanisms and to understand the various forums of advocacy and debate.
- Knows and understands the technical language of at least two foreign languages necessary for working in the profession.
- Knows, understands, and continuously improves the knowledge that serves as the educational basis of high-level work in sociology.

b) skills

- Is capable of navigating the system of social issues and conflicts.
- In the specialist field, is capable of analysing and evaluating the causes and mechanisms of social issues and conflicts.
- Is capable of continuously analysing relevant publications in Hungarian and in foreign languages and of monitoring relevant bibliographies and thematic collections.
- Is capable of utilising research results published in Hungarian and in foreign languages in the specialist field.
- Is capable of producing sociological analyses with concepts, arguments, and deductions relevant to the specialist field based on reliable, professional sources and their practical experiences.
- With integrative social science skills, is prepared to manage work processes in the scope of his/her professional competence, and of the cooperation with colleagues or other partners required for the performance of the tasks.
- Is capable of attaining novel sociological knowledge, performing innovative tasks, and arguing for their importance.
- In the specialist field, is capable of finding project opportunities, performing project planning, management, and realisation tasks, and cooperating with project partners.
- Is capable of participating in the development of organisational development concepts, in the definition of the organisational work principles of organisation, and their professional public presentation.

c) attitudes

- Is confident in his/her own abilities, is dedicated to following professional ideas.
- Is critical of scientific, practical, legal, or political attempts at decreasing the openness and diversity of social sciences.
- Is committed to professional attempts at solving global and local issues.
- Is open, accepting, yet critical of professional innovation.
- Is dedicated to supporting all initiatives to promote social equity.



- Is open and dedicated to international professional cooperation.
- Consciously strives for scientific objectivity.
- Respects the scientific approach and is open to various approaches and analytic methods.
- Observes scientific correctness, does not discriminate negatively.

d) autonomy and responsibilities

- Participates in the operation and management of work organisations and in developing, debating, and realising professional concepts independently and responsibly.
- Supports the realisation of a professional career of any subordinates responsibly.
- Is dedicated to representing professional interests.
- Strives to participate in the work of Hungarian and international professional groups.
- Independently participates in the development of organisational systems.
- Is personally responsible to observing the professional and ethical rules of the profession of sociology and to maintaining its integrity.
- Respects the rights of any colleagues and students.
- Is especially responsible to protecting the safety, anonymity, and personal data of research subjects.

9. About the Master's programme

9.1. Professional properties

9.1.1. Scientific fields that lead to the specialisation, and fields of expertise that make up the programme: classic and modern social science theories 10-35 credits;

- research methods (Advanced Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, IT Applications) 10-50 credits;
- differentiated professional skills (i.e. education, culture, media, politics, economy, healthcare, environmental protection, settlement management, social policy) 20-60 credits.

9.1.2. The maximum credit value assigned to subjects that belong to the specialisation recommended by the training institution is 30 credits.

9.2. Foreign language requirements

Earning the Master's degree requires at least one state-recognized intermediate (B2) complex language examination in English, French or German and one state-recognized intermediate (B2) complex language examination in another living foreign language.

9.3. Internship requirements

The internship is a professional training defined in the programme syllabus with a credit value of 2-6 credits.

9.4. For persons with degrees defined in section 4.2 the minimal requirements of admittance to the Master's programme training cycle

For entry into a Master's programme that is different from the undergraduate degree, the minimum number of necessary credits is at least 60 from the fields of social sciences relevant to the sociology programme.

The prerequisite of admittance into the Master's programme is for the student to have at least 20 credits.

Missing credits must be attained as defined in the higher education institution's Study and Exam Regulations.



10. Comprehensive examination

There are no comprehensive examinations.

11. Conditions of the issuance of the final certificate

- Performance of the required credits (120 credits) during the maximum training period (8 semesters). At least 2/3 of the required number of credits must be obtained at the parent university.
- Fulfilment of the academic obligations specified in the operative curriculum
- In case of students who were accepted to master's training programmes without the recognition of the total credit value, the performance of the number of credits prescribed in the credit recognition resolution, in addition to the 120 credits.

12. Thesis requirements

We require the individual elaboration of a relevant research problem in the thesis: the student has to formulate a specific research question and hypothesis (or hypotheses), and then shall verify those through professional and methodological examination. The substantive part of the thesis shall be at least 120,000 characters. The details of the content and formal requirements of the thesis are available on the website of the institute.

13. Requirement of participating at the Final Exam

The student may only be authorized to take the final examination, if

- he/she had already obtained the final certificate (absolatory),
- the thesis has been submitted, and in the BA and MA training programmes two reviewers had accepted it.
- fulfilment of all payment obligations owed to the University.

14. Content of the Final Exam

The final examination consists of the defence of the thesis, and the oral examination in the subjects of the final examination.

15. Result of the Final Exam

- The grade received on the final examination is the mathematical average of the grades given on the thesis/diploma work by the two reviewers and the grade earned on the oral defence of the thesis, and the grade earned on the oral examination covering the subjects of the final examination (the latter is calculated twofold).
- If the result of any part of the final exam is "fail", the result of the final exam is also "fail".
- During the final examination period following receipt of the final certificate (absolatory), in the frame of the student status and after the termination of the student status, within two years, in any examination period may be taken in line with the training / programme and outcome requirements. After the expiry of the second year following the issuance of the final certificate, the final examination may only be taken with the dean's consent; however, after the expiry of the fifth year following the termination of the student status a final examination may not be taken.

16. The classification of the diploma

The classification of the diploma is based on the weighted average of the below items:

- the credit weighted average of the grades received in the professional core module,
- the grades received on final examinations with doubled value,



The determination of the diploma classification of students participating in BA and MA training is assessed based on the following limits

- excellent, if the average is between 4.81 and 5.00
- class if the average is between 4.51 and 4.80
- good, if the average is between 3.51 and 4.50
- average, if the average is between 2.51 and 3.50
- pass, if the average is between 2.50 and 2.00.



Sociology master programme in Budapest, in English, full time training Curriculum for 2020/2021. (1.) fall semester for beginning students

Subject Code	Subject Name	Type	Number of hours per week hours		Credits	Evaluation	Fall or Spring Semester	2020/21 Academic year		2021/22 Academic year		Credit	Subject responsible	Institute	Requirement		Equivalent subject		Remarks		
			Lecture	Seminar				1	2	3	4				Code	Name	Code	Name			
																				Fall semester	Spring semester
Core courses								18	18	21	27	84									
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7SO30NCKO9M	Academic Writing and Presentation ¹	C	0	4	6	pg	fall	6					Ryder Andrew Richard	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NHKI5M	Statistical Methods for Comparative Research	C	2	2	6	ex	fall	6					Bartus Tamás	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NHKI6M	Theories of Global Social Change	C	2	2	6	ex	fall	6					Melegh Attila	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NHKI7M	Approaches to Technology and Society	C	2	2	6	ex	spring		6				Vicsek Lilla Mária	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NCKP1M	Computer-assisted Qualitative Methods	C	2	2	6	ex	spring		6				Vicsek Lilla Mária	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NHKI8M	Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Analysis	C	2	2	6	pg	spring		6				Bartus Tamás	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NCKP2M	Designing Social Research	C	2	0	3	ex	fall			3			Moksony Ferenc	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NHKI9M	Evaluating Social Interventions	C	2	2	6	ex	fall			6			Moksony Ferenc	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NCKP4M	Social Network Analysis	C	0	4	6	pg	fall			6			Szántó Zoltán Oszkár	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NCKP7M	Thesis Writing I.	C	0	2	6	pg	fall			6				Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NCKP8M	Internship	C	0	4	6	pg	spring				6		Nagy Beáta	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NHKJ1M	Participatory Research Methods	C	2	2	6	ex	spring				6		Ryder Andrew Richard	Institute of Communication and Sociology							
7SO30NCKP9M	Thesis Writing II. (Thesis Work)	C	0	2	15	pg	spring				15			Institute of Communication and Sociology							



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Specialization																			
Global Social Studies Specialization																			
7VG32NBKB9M	Global Markets and National Development	C	2	2	6	ex	fall	6					Ricz Judit	Institute of International, Political and Regional Studies					
7SO30NHKJ3M	Global Data on Economic Development, Population and Migration ¹	C	2	2	6	ex	spring		6				Meleg Attila	Institute of Communication and Sociology					
7SO30NHKJ4M	National Identities in Global Contexts	C	2	2	6	ex	spring		6				Göncz Borbála	Institute of Communication and Sociology					
7SO30NHKJ2M	Gender and Work in Comparative Perspective	C	2	2	6	ex	fall			6			Nagy Beáta	Institute of Communication and Sociology					
Elective courses																			
	Foreign language	E			0	pg	fall, spring						Dobos Ágota	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research					
	Elective courses In a separate table	E					fall, spring	6	0	3	3								
Criterion subjects																			
IOK0001NABB	Hungarian Language SHI I.*	CR	0	4	3	pg	fall	3	3				Dobos Ágota	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research					
IOK0004NABB	Hungarian Language SHI II.*	CR	0	4	3	ex	spring	3	3				Dobos Ágota	Centre of Foreign Language Education and Research					
Total credits								30	30	30	30	120							



Remarks:

Type: C-compulsory courses, CE-core elective courses, E-elective (optional) courses

Methods of assessment: ex-exam (exam at the end of the semester, but other forms of assessment are possible during the semester), pg- grade based on the practical assignments given during the course of the semester, ce- Comprehensive examination,

Criterion subjects:

* Hungarian Language is a compulsory subject for the students participating in the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program in the first two semesters.

Courses are recommended to be taken according to the prescribed time schedule of the study programme ("sample"). You can plan your own individual programme in respect of the following conditions:

1. the prerequisite system of their study-programme must be taken into consideration when registering for courses.
2. the availability of courses in the semester (most courses are offered either in the fall or in the spring semesters only)
3. completing an average of 30 credits per semester, as a general rule.

¹Some requirements to be completed during the intensive week.

Recommendations as to what courses to attend:

- The required schedule is shown in the NEPTUN curriculum. The semester is valid (active) if at least one subject is registered.
- All mandatory courses must be completed, and altogether 120 credits are necessary to receive the MA degree.
- Besides the mandatory courses the student can sign up for elective subjects (including foreign language courses). A total of 30 credits are recommended per semester.
- Students should pay a special fee if they complete more than 132 credits' worth of courses (above 10% beyond 120 credit points).
- Students who study state-financed should pay a special fee for enrolled but unfulfilled credits (courses not completed) after the examination period (upon the end of the semester).

Information about Graduation

Pre-degree Certificate (Absolutorium) Requirements:

- 120 credits
- fulfillment of the curriculum requirements within the maximum time allowed (the number of active and passive semesters may not exceed 8 semesters).

Final Examination Requirements:

- pre-degree certificate
- accepted thesis work

The final examination comprises the defence of the thesis work, and oral exams in required subjects.

The mark of the final exam is the mean of:

- the grades given by the opponents for the thesis work
- the grade for the thesis defence (1x)
- the grade for the oral exams in the required subjects (with a weight of 2)

MA Degree Requirements:

- successful final examination

The mark of the final exam is the mathematical average of

- credits-weighted average of the grades in the core subjects (1x)
- the grade of the final examination (2x)

Professional Core Subjects to be Counted in the Degree Qualification:

Statistical Methods for Comparative Research

Theories of Global Social Change

Approaches to Technology and Society

Computer-assisted Qualitative Methods

Multilevel and Longitudinal Data Analysis

Global Data on Economic Development, Population and Migration

National Identities in Global Contexts

Gender and Work in Comparative Perspective

Details can be found in the Study and Exam Regulation.