



Solve Real Problems, Gain Real Experience

Become an expert in the study of society and learn how you can help communities, agencies, government organizations and businesses solve problems. In UNC's Sociology program you'll not only learn analytical, professional writing, program evaluation and administration skills, you'll have the opportunity to gain valuable hands-on research experience

working with clients in our on-site Social Research Lab – UNC's fully-funded, live action research center. Skills emphasized in this program include interpreting and analyzing data to address social problems from a sociological perspective. The general focus of this program allows students to cultivate marketable skills to a variety of jobs and industries.

Career Pathway

Our students include individuals currently working, or interested in working, in both public and private service agencies as well as those interested in pursuing a Ph.D.

The work you do on your internship and/or research project will prepare you for a position in a non-profit or government organization. In addition to pursuing further academic work, graduates find placement in various human service organizations dealing with families and children, the aged, crime and justice, community planning, housing, domestic violence and social policy research.

Degree Options

Choose to specialize your degree with two emphasis options. The applied emphasis culminates in a professional research report based on the research internship experience and is intended for students with a passion for advocacy who want a career outside of academia. The thesis emphasis culminates in a thesis research project and is intended for students who want to pursue further research or teach at the college level.

- Applied Emphasis
- Thesis Emphasis

Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Credits Required: 30
- Time to Completion: four semesters
- Classes Start: Fall or Spring semester

Related Programs

- Criminal Justice, M.A.
- Applied Statistics and Research Methods, M.S. and Ph.D.

Cost and Value

Tuition is based on 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$633 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,185 per credit hour plus fees. You may qualify for CO resident tuition — see WRGP information at right.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

What Grads Say

“The Sociology MA program provided me with faculty members who are not only valuable to learn from, but also care enough to dedicate their time to guide you through the process.”

— Samantha Sikes, MA Class of 2015

“My experiences in the sociology department at UNC taught me the value of bringing sociology to life in communities, organizations, and everyday interactions.”

- Stephanie Wilson, MA Class of 2016

Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- The sociology program offers a limited number of competitive teaching and research assistantships. Each assistantship offers 50 percent funding (covering tuition and offering a stipend).
- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

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About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado's right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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