What is the Program in Sociology?
In this time of great political, economic and cultural transformation, it seems pressing to explore how social worlds are assembled and reassembled. Our Ph.D. program seeks to interrogate the taken-for-granted, develop new ways of seeing and understanding current conditions, and spark new imaginaries.

Tell us what a first-year student can expect in the Sociology Graduate Program.
The core curriculum is divided into two parts, (1) basic grounding in sociological theory and methods, and (2) exposure to research in three areas of concentration: (a) globalization, political economy, and environment; (b) inequality and identity; and (c) culture, knowledge, and power.

What support do first year graduate students typically receive?
First-year funding usually consists of a combination of fellowships (that pay a stipend and usually full fees) and teaching assistantships (that pay a salary and most fees). Some offers include non-resident tuition; some two-year international non-resident tuition fellowships may be available. For applicants eligible for diversity consideration, our department can nominate students for a Cota-Robles Fellowship upon admission to the program. In later years, most students are supported through teaching assistantships, teaching fellowships, research fellowships, and other grant/fellowship opportunities.

What research opportunities or fields of research are available for advanced study?
In addition to the areas of faculty research listed for individual faculty, current related organized research groups and centers include: Affect Working Group (Gould), Urban Studies Research Cluster (Greenberg), Interdisciplinary Development Working Group (Crow), Center for Labor Studies (McKay), Science & Justice Research Center (Reardon).

When are graduate applications due for your program?
Applications are accepted online from October 1 - December 15 for the following fall.

Who can I contact for more information?
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Julie Bettie  Cultural theory and popular culture; race, gender, class and cultural politics; sexuality and sex work; critical qualitative methodologies

Ben Crow  International development, sociology of water and markets, global inequality, South Asia and East Africa, political economy, sustainable development

E. Melanie DuPuis  (on leave 2013-14) Economic sociology, sociology of consumption, sociology of development, political sociology, sociology of environment, technological change, historical sociology, social theory, food and social change, agriculture, sustainability

Hiroshi Fukurai  Citizen participation in law, race and the law, indigenous approach to international law, decolonialism, Japan and East Asia, advanced quantitative methods, survey research

Deborah Gould  Political emotion; social movements and contentious politics; classic and contemporary social theory; sexualities; lesbian/gay/queer studies; feminist and queer theory

Herman Gray  Cultural studies, media and television studies, black cultural politics, social theory

Miriam Greenberg  Urban sociology, media studies, cultural studies, political economy, globalization, and urban political ecology

Steven McKay  Work and labor markets; globalization and social change; political sociology; race; masculinity; migration; ethnography/qualitative methods

Marcia Millman  Social psychology, the family, sociology of emotions, field research methods, sociology of medicine

Jennifer Reardon  Science studies; sociology of science, technology, and medicine; feminist theory; race/ethnicity/gender/sexuality/class; biology and society

Craig Reinarman  Political sociology; law, crime, and social justice; drugs and society

Helen Shapiro  (on leave through 2017-18) Political economy, Latin American economic history and development (with an emphasis on Brazil), industrial policy, the auto industry, the state and transnational corporations

Dana Y. Takagi  Social inequality, affect, religion, race, quantitative analysis

Candace West  Language and social interaction, sex and gender, conversation analysis