

**Master of Arts in Sociology**  
**Program code: 137010**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Department of Sociology and Social Work in the College of Social Sciences offers a Master's program in **Sociology**. The program is designed to prepare, qualifying, and enabling national cadre to understand and recognize local, regional and global social environments, and the socio-cultural ideas and changes which churns out in today's world, and thus their ability to contribute to the assessment and analysis of varied social issues effecting society every now and then. The program offers both thesis and non-thesis options.

*According to the University Council decision dated 4/2/2007, Thesis students admitted with effect from September 2007 are exempted from the comprehensive examination.*

**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**(non-thesis option in parenthesis)

<b>36 (36)</b>	<b>TOTAL COURSE CREDITS</b>
<b>12 (15)</b>	<b>COMPULSORY COURSES (3 credits each)</b>
1371-501	Modern Social Theories
1371-502	Methods of Social Research
1371-503	Statistical Applications in Sociology
1371-504	Sociological Research Design
1371-593	Project (non-thesis option)
<b>15 (21)</b>	<b>ELECTIVE COURSES (3 credits each)</b>
1371-505	Political Authority and Society
1371-506	Sociology of Social Categories
1371-507	Violence and Deviant Behavior
1371-508	Sustainable Development
1371-509	Civil Society and Globalization
1371-510	City and Society
1371-511	Women and Gender
1371-512	Health and Society
1371-513	Studies in Gulf Societies
1371-514	Sociology of Knowledge
1371-515	Population Studies
1371-516	Social Movements

**9 COMPULSORY COURSES**

1371-597	Thesis (0)
1371-598	Thesis (0)
2000-599	Thesis (9)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**1371-501: MODERN SOCIAL THEORIES  
CR: 3**

Analyze conditions and intellectual development of the contemporary theorizing process in sociology at the macro and micro levels.

**1371-502: METHODS OF SOCIAL RESEARCH  
CR: 3**

The course focuses on various methods used in social research qualitatively and quantitatively. This includes surveys, experiments, ethnography, comparative methods, case studies, content analysis etc.

**1371-503: STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS IN SOCIOLOGY  
CR: 3**

Application of social statistics in the data processing, and means to extract various statistical methods through the use of SPSS program.

**1371-504: SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH DESIGN  
CR: 3 PR: 1370-502/1370-503**

A capstone course. Learn formulating research problem methodology (objectives, queries, hypotheses), and means to apply social research design process and its relation to the selection of appropriate statistical models.

**1371-505: POLITICAL AUTHORITY AND SOCIETY  
CR: 3**

Highlight the civil and political institutions by explaining the different nature of each of them, and their role in various patterns of community life, and the positive and negative effects on the society.

**1371-506: SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL CATEGORIES  
CR: 3**

Identify types of social groups in the society, and the characteristics of each of them, and the problems faced by each category, and policies that

must be followed to alleviate social tension that may occur between these categories.

**1371-507: VIOLENCE & DEVIANT BEHAVIOR  
CR: 3**

Define the nature and characteristics of violence, as well as revealing the nature of aggressive behavior and characteristics. Clarify the interrelationship between the phenomenon of violence at the level of the social construction and aggressive behaviors on a personal level.

**1371-508: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
CR: 3**

Highlight variables and factors responsible for the failure of the central development experiences, and circumstances that necessitates the emergence of sustainable development, with a focus on the nature of sustainable development and its basic characteristics and conditions.

**1371-509: CIVIL SOCIETY AND GLOBALIZATION  
CR: 3**

Define civil society in terms of its origin and evolution, and explain the nature of its basic components, and the roles played by civil society in daily social life and the challenges it faces by globalization.

**1371-510: CITY AND SOCIETY  
CR: 3**

Deal with the nature and characteristics of urbanization and the variables responsible for the emergence of cities, and the impact of various urbanization processes on the nature of population growth, and types and problems of contemporary cities.

**1371-511: WOMEN AND GENDER  
CR: 3**

Study the status of women in various communities to illustrate the impact of cultural factors in determining the nature of the position and status of women in society.

**1371-512: HEALTH AND SOCIETY**  
**CR: 3**

Clarify effects (in all its forms positive or negative) resulting from health condition on individuals in the society, and to highlight the importance of health and awareness policies of the state to achieve better health indicators for individuals, as is the case in developed societies.

**1371-513: STUDIES IN GULF SOCIETIES**  
**CR: 3**

Conduct comparative studies among Gulf societies to draw conclusions which will help to understand the nature and specificity of these communities, and disclose the most important obstacles that would affect the developmental processes that thwart these communities.

**1371-514: SOCIOLOGY OF KNOWLEDGE**  
**CR: 3**

Definition of the scope of the sociology of knowledge and the phenomena it encompasses. Clarify the relationship of this branch of sociology with the methods and means of knowledge production in society, and its impact on the improvement of community life

**1371-515: POPULATION STUDIES**  
**CR: 3**

Identify the factors that influence the size of population, its distribution, and characteristics. Study the impact of changes in fertility, mortality, migration, and technology on Kuwait and other countries worldwide and their implication to social, environmental, health, and economic problems.

**1371-516: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**  
**CR: 3**

Define social movements and identify the theoretical approaches that analyze their emergence and their organizational and intellectual structure. Emphasis will be given to the analysis of the religious movement in the Arab world.

**1371-593: PROJECT**  
**CR: 3**

The student undertakes an independent project on a research topic of theoretical and/or experimental focus under the supervision of a faculty member listed in the supervisory list of the College of Graduate Studies. The objective is to provide the student with an opportunity to integrate and apply the knowledge gained throughout the course of study in a practical problem. The student must document the project in a scientific report following standard research writing guidelines and give a public presentation to the project examination committee.

**1371-597: THESIS**  
**CR: 0**

**1371-598: THESIS**  
**CR: 0**

**2000-599: THESIS**  
**CR: 9**