

MA in Critical Sociology

Affiliation/Re-Affiliation Procedures Academic year 2025

The MA in Critical Sociology (MACS) is an innovative graduate program housed in Brock University's Department of Sociology. With rigorous training in sociological theory and methods, students conduct original research and groundbreaking literature reviews. Between its launch in 2009 and 2024, more than 115 students have completed their MA degrees. MACS students have matriculated to PhD programs and various occupations in government, law, social services, teaching and post-secondary education, private and social entrepreneurship among others. The program offers three streams: MRP (4 terms; 16 months), MRP with Co-op (6 terms; 24 months) and Thesis (6 terms; 24 months). The program attracts domestic and international students who conduct interesting, reflective and socially relevant work.

MACS invites affiliations from Brock University colleagues with a sociology background or from cognate disciplines to join the growing panel of colleagues committed to graduate training and course delivery. Affiliation/re-affiliation to the program is a five-year term. Colleagues will be able to serve as on committees as supervisor, second reader, where agreed upon third readers, and, design and deliver courses for a two-year period within three years. Affiliates can also contribute service as voting members of the MACS Program Committee (MACS PC). For Program details, please review the MACS website: <https://brocku.ca/social-sciences/sociology/graduate-program/>

First time applicants are invited to make an appointment with the Graduate Program Director (GPD) to learn about the program and the role of affiliated faculty. Subsequently, applicants will complete the affiliation form and submit the requestion information below.

The MACS PC will review and discuss affiliation/re-affiliation applications. Applications shall be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. The PC shall review and make recommendation to the Sociology Department at its monthly meetings and/or Department Retreat. Where the PC determines it will not put forward a recommendation for approval to the Sociology Department, the applicant will be notified and given the opportunity to make presentation to the PC. The PC shall review its initial decision and notify the applicant of that decision. The PC will present the affiliate application and its decision to approve or decline the applicant at the next Sociology meeting. Should the PC decline to recommend the applicant, the applicant will have the opportunity to make presentation at the next Sociology Department meeting. The Department shall make a final decision at that meeting and the applicant shall be notified by the GPD of that decision.

Name:

Department/Centre:

Phone/Email:

Program Description:

Informed by the latest and most dynamic perspectives and methodologies from sociology and a range of allied disciplines, learners examine various forms of issues as they manifest themselves in the workplace, the home, the political sphere, popular culture, and other spheres of social life.

Since its inception in 2009, the MACS Program has come to be widely regarded for its critically-oriented scholarship and intellectual culture.

Aided by the privilege of working in a small program, our ambitious, diverse, and committed faculty help students to cultivate academic and professional skills, knowledge, and a critical outlook that prepare learners for a wide array of careers and socio-political commitments.

Briefly describe your commitment to the field of critical sociology and your interest in the MA in Critical Sociology program.

Briefly describe how your scholarship contributes to, or, is substantively connected to the discipline of sociology.

If applying for re-affiliation, please outline your past contributions to MACS Program (e.g., supervisions, courses instructed, service on the MACS Program Committee).

To submit your application, please send this form by email to the MACS Graduate Advisor (csociology@brocku.ca). Please attach the following documents:

one relevant piece of scholarly activity or creative work recently published or accepted/forthcoming

a current CV