

## GRADUATE PROGRAM IN DEMOGRAPHY

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The objective of the graduate program in demography is to prepare students for careers in teaching, research, and/or governmental or community service focusing on demography. The program gives students insights into the complexities of population processes, including fertility, mortality/morbidity, migration, and family formation, and the relationships between such processes and broader social and economic contexts and trends. The Department of Sociology presently offers three degree tracks for students interested in demography: (1) a general master's degree program in sociology with a concentration in demography; (2) a specialized master's degree program in applied demography; and (3) a general Ph.D. program in sociology with a concentration in demography. All graduate students in demography are encouraged to develop a professional orientation toward instruction, research, and publication through direct involvement in the activities of the faculty.

M.A. in Sociology with a concentration in Demography. The master's degree in Sociology is designed to provide students with a basic background in general sociological theories and research methods, as well as provide a more in-depth course of study in a specialized area of the student's own choosing. The general requirements for the master's degree (e.g., the thesis) are described more fully in the Graduate Student Handbook of the Department of Sociology, and all students should make themselves thoroughly familiar with the contents of this document. In addition to meeting all the general requirements outlined in the Graduate Student Handbook, students wishing to pursue a master's degree in Sociology with a concentration in demography must, as a minimum, complete the following courses or their equivalent.

**Required Courses.** M.A. students majoring in demography are required to take the following two courses (6 hours):

Sociology 5200  
Sociology 6210

Techniques of Demographic Analysis I  
Population and Society

**Electives** (3 Semester Hours Required). All students must take one demography elective from the following list.

Sociology 6560  
Sociology 6580  
Sociology 7230  
Sociology 7260  
Sociology 7270  
Sociology 7280

Family Demography  
Sociology of Aging  
Population and Development  
Migration  
Morbidity and Mortality  
Human Fertility and Family Planning

M.A. in Applied Demography: This is a specialized degree intended to prepare students for employment in a variety of service, government, or business settings, and it is generally intended to be a terminal degree. Students who intend to continue their education through the doctoral degree are advised to consider the M.A. program in general sociology with a concentration in demography. The requirements for the M.A. program in Applied Demography are different from those of the general master's program in Sociology as outlined above (and covered more fully in the Graduate Student Handbook); and they are specified in detail in a separate program announcement describing the graduate program in Applied Demography. Students interested in this more specialized program should consult this separate program announcement.

Ph.D. in Sociology with a concentration in Demography. The doctoral program in demography at BGSU has as its goal the training of well-rounded generalists rather than narrow specialists; and all students electing to concentrate in this area will be expected to demonstrate a broad knowledge and understanding of (a) the major substantive areas of demography, and (b) the data and research tools that are unique to the field of demography. The normal procedures for students to acquire this knowledge and understanding are: (1) independent study and research under the tutelage of various members of the faculty; (2) reading on their own initiative in the current journals of the profession; and (3) participating in the formal seminars offered by the department of sociology.

Students participating in the Demography doctoral program at BGSU will be expected to meet all of the general requirements of the Ph.D. degree as outlined in the Graduate Student Handbook of the Department of Sociology. In addition to the general doctoral requirements with respect to core sociology courses and a minor area of concentration, all Ph.D. students pursuing a specialization in demography must, as a minimum, complete the two following courses or their equivalent.

**Required Courses.** Ph.D. students majoring in demography are required to take the following two courses (6 hours):

Sociology 5200  
Sociology 6210

Techniques of Demographic Analysis I  
Population and Society

**Electives** (Minimum of 9 Semester Hours Required). All Ph.D. demography students must take at least three courses among the following:

Sociology 6560  
Sociology 7190  
Sociology 7260  
Sociology 7270  
Sociology 7280

Family Demography  
Longitudinal Data Analysis  
Migration  
Morbidity and Mortality  
Human Fertility and Family Planning

Other courses in the Demography program that are offered on a regular basis, and which students are encouraged to take as their schedule allows, include the following:

Sociology 6270  
Sociology 6580  
Sociology 7230

Demographic Data Analysis  
Sociology of Aging  
Population and Development

Sociology 7190  
Geography 5240

Advanced Statistics  
Geographic Information Systems

The Department's Ph.D. preliminary examination policy requires that four-hour examinations be completed in *both* the area of general demographic knowledge and the student's area of specialization. Areas of specialization from which students may choose are family demography, fertility, mortality, and migration.

Students who pursue a Ph.D. **minor** in demography need to complete a minimum of four courses from the lists provided above. The four selected courses *must* include both Sociology 5200 and Sociology 6210. Please also note that students who earned their M.A. degree in Sociology at BGSU and specialized in either applied demography or demography may count substantive courses used to complete their M.A. degree towards the two required elective courses.

## Demography Faculty

Susan Brown, Professor

Ph.D., 1998--Pennsylvania State University

Family demography; family formation and dissolution; cohabitation; fertility.

Alfred DeMaris, Professor

Ph.D., 1982--University of Florida

Intimate conflict and violence; marital stability and quality; equity theory.

Franklin Goza, Professor

Ph.D., 1987--University of Wisconsin

Social Demography, Population & Development, Migration, Latin America

Karen Guzzo, Assistant Professor

Ph.D., 2003--University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Family, Social Demography, Gender

Kara Joyner, Associate Professor

Ph.D. 1997--University of Chicago

Family, Aging/Social Gerontology, Demography, Children and Youth

Wendy Manning, Professor

Ph.D., 1992--University of Wisconsin

Family demography; cohabitation; nonresident fathers; nonmarital fertility; adolescence.

Laura Sanchez, Professor

Ph.D., 1992--University of Wisconsin

Sociology of the Family, Family Demography