

General Information

Niğde University Sociology Department has been founded in 1994 but has been accepting graduate students (masters degree) since 2012. Our department has a dynamic and competent academic staff with 1 Professor, 2 associate professor, 1 assistant professor and 5 research assistants. Our department includes sub-departments of Sociometry, Sociology of Institutions, General Sociology and Methodology and applied sociology.

Aims and Objectives

Aims :

1. To raise researcher scientists who have basic information about general social sciences and who can interpret other knowledge in other social sciences such as; psychology, philosophy and political science with sociological perspective
2. To raise specialist sociologist to be employed in public institutions
3. To raise specialist sociologist to be employed in research companies

Objectives :

1. To have a quality education, primarily at graduate level
2. To develop information access skills of the students
3. To develop students' problem-solving skills
4. To raise students with critical thinking skills
5. To raise sociologists that are equipped with knowledge and skills of the field

Qualification Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are awarded with the qualification of MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE in SOCIOLOGY.

Level of Qualification

Master's Degree with thesis in SOCIOLOGY is a two-year (4 semesters) program with 120 ECTS credits. The program meets the requirements both for ECTS credits and level descriptors of the "Second Cycle" degree qualifications of [the Overarching Framework of European Qualifications Framework HE \(QF-EHEA\)](#) and the "7th Level" qualifications of [the Turkish Qualifications Framework for HE \(TYYC, NQF-HETR\)](#), as well as the "7th Level" requirements of the qualifications of [the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning \(EQF-LLL\)](#) in terms of the level descriptors.

Specific Admission Requirements

Admission requirements are determined in line with the regulations set by Higher Education Council of Turkey. Information on application for graduate programs and access requirements are announced on the web page of the university at the beginning of each academic year. The following requirements are applied for both national and foreign students:

- To have a First Cycle (BSc) degree in **Sociology**
- To have ALES (Entrance Exam for Academic Personnel and Postgraduate Education) with minimum score of 55 (or equivalent)
- To have a foreign language proficiency from national exams such as UDS (The Interuniversity Foreign Language Examination) or KPDS (The Foreign Language Examination for Civil Servants) or from international exams such as IELTS (International English Language Testing System) or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) accepted by Interuniversity Board. Students who do not have a foreign language proficiency might apply yet their foreign language score is evaluated as 0.
- The candidates with a Bachelor's Degree from abroad must have the certificate of equivalence from the Council of Higher Education (YOK).
- ALES score is valid for 3 years.
- The candidates must apply in person. The applications with incomplete documents will not be evaluated.

For further and detailed information please visit [General Admission Requirements](#) and [Registration Procedures](#) in the menu items of the Information on the Institution.

For further information on the admission requirement for foreign students, please contact to Nigde University International Office.

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[Specific Arrangements for Recognition of Prior Learning](#)

With an understanding of lifelong learning, Nigde University recognizes the previously taken courses in another institution and exempt them from graduation credit, as long as the courses match with the learning outcomes of the registered Master's Degree (Second Cycle) programme in SOCIOLOGY at Nigde University.

[Profile of the Programme](#)

Sociology Department has begun education in the year 2009-2010. In our department we have one professor, two associative professors, one assistant professor and five research assistants. Our graduates can be employed in a variety of public institutions as sociologists. In addition can be employed as specialists in research companies.

Sociology masters degree program (Bologna Process Higher Education Qualifications Framework first cycle and 7th level in TYYÇ) is an academic program aiming to supply graduates with knowledge, qualifications and competency in the occupational areas, research areas and in transition to PhD programs. The classification of the program in "Classification of International Standards in Education (ISCED) 2011" ve "Turkish Higher Education Qualifications Framework (TYYÇ)" and related educational are codes are given below.

•ISCED Education Area Code: 31 – Social and Behavioral Sciences (Sociology)

•ISCED 2011 Level: 7, Orientation (Profile): 74, Subcategory: 747, Academically-oriented "Second Cycle" degree

•Turkish Higher Education Qualifications Framework (TYYÇ) Basic Area Code: 31 – Social and Behavioral Sciences (Sociology)

• Turkish Higher Education Qualifications Framework (TYYÇ) Qualification Type (profile): Academically intensive "7.th level masters degree

[Learning and Teaching Methods](#)

The most frequently used instructional methods of the educational programs of Nigde University are given below. Programmes commonly apply these methods as appropriate instructional approaches in accordance with their aims and objectives.

The instructional methods applied for achieving the goal of meeting the expected learning outcomes of the Master's Degree program in SOCIOLOGY program at large are indicated in the section of 'program learning outcomes', and those methods utilized for individual course units are indicated in the relevant section of "description of individual course unit".

[Learning and Teaching Methods](#)

- Lecture & In-Class Activities
- Land Surveying
- Group Work
- Laboratory
- Reading
- Assignment (Homework)

- Project Work
- Seminar
- Web Based Learning
- Implementation/Application/Practice
- Thesis Work
- Field Study
- Report Writing

Occupational profiles of graduates with examples

Since sociology is related with the problems of society, the graduates can be employed in centers of family consultancy which are working under the supervision of provincial general directorates of the Ministry of Family and Social Policies after receiving the certificate of family consultant. They can also open their own Family Consultancy Centers as family consultants. In addition, they can be employed in research firms, marketing, social projects in relation with their personal interest areas and choices. They can also be accepted to the PhD programs in sociology in Turkish or other foreign universities in order to make an academic career.

Qualification Requirements and Regulations

Master's Degree program (second cycle) in SOCIOLOGY is awarded to students who have scored a Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of not less than 2.50 /4.00, defended his/her thesis successfully, and have completed all the courses (120 ECTS) with at least a letter grade of CB or S in the program.

For detailed information: Please see "[Nigde University's Rules & Regulations for Graduate Education](#)"

Access to Further Studies

Upon successful completion of this programme, students may apply to doctorate (third cycle) degree programmes in or related fields of SOCIOLOGY.

Examination Regulations, Assessment and Grading

The methods applied for assessment of the achievement of the expected program learning outcomes for the entire Second Cycle program of SOCIOLOGY are shown below and those for the individual course units are given in the relevant section of the course description with their contribution to the final grades.

- Mid-Term Exam
- Final Exam
- Make-up Exam
- Homework Assessment
- Presentation of Report
- Computer Based Presentation
- Presentation of Thesis
- Presentation of Document

Mid-term and final examinations are conducted in dates, places and times determined and announced by the University. The students' final semester grade is given by their instructors based on mid-term examination, homework evaluation, final examination and, if there is any other assessment results taking into account the students' compliance with attendance to the course activities.

The contribution of assessment grades of the in-term activities to the final grade is 40% and that of the final exam is 60% for all the course units.

Course units, which do not require a mid-term, homework, short-exam and/or a final exam are determined by the administration of the related departments and specific assessment and grading methods for these courses are also announced at the beginning of the semester. Evaluation of such activities is made through the procedures defined by the Senate and assessed by Pass (P) or Fail (F) grades.

Grading:

The success of a student for each assessment (in-term and final) defined for each course unit is evaluated by the instructor. Evaluations are made over a scale of 100 points and converted to the letter grades at the end of the semester. A student is considered to be successful in a course if he/she gets one of the following grades: AA, BA, BB, CB, S, or EX. The student's academic standing is calculated in the form of a Grade Point Average (GPA) out of a scale of 4.00 and announced at the end of each semester. The total grade point of a course is obtained by multiplying the grade point by the course ECTS credit. The semester GPA is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points of courses gained in that semester by the total amount of ECTS credits of courses taken in the semester. The yearlong courses are included in the spring semester GPA. Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points of all the courses in the curriculum to be taken by the total amount of 120 ECTS credits. For each course taken, the student is given one of the following letter grades and grade points:

Course Score	Course Grade	Grade Points
90-100	AA	4.00
85-89	BA	3.50
80-84	BB	3.00
75-79	CB	2.50
70-74	CC	2.00
65-69	DC	1.50
60-64	DD	1.00
50-59	FD	0.50
0-49	FF	0.00

Other grades:

S (Satisfactory): Satisfactory in non-credit courses,
 U (Unsatisfactory): Unsatisfactory non-credit courses,
 P (In Progress): Successful at the end of the first semester for a yearlong course
 EX (Exempt): Successful in an exemption exam held by the university,
 NI (Not Included): Assigned for course not included in CGPA
 NA (No Attendance): Unsuccessful because of not fulfilled the attendance and/or laboratory requirements
 T (Transfer): Standing for the received course grade of the transferred students from other departments or universities. It is not included in CPA calculations. Transfer course grade.

Graduation Requirements

In order for a student to graduate from Master's Degree (Second Cycle) Programme in **SOCIOLOGY**, he/she has

- Completed 120 ECTS credits with passing grades (54 ECTS credits for 7 graduate courses, 6 ECTS credits for a Seminar Course, 20 ECTS credits for 2 Special Topics Courses, and 40 ECTS credits for Thesis Studies taken at 2 consecutive semesters)
- Prepared and defended a thesis successfully.

Mode of Study:

Master of Science Programme in SOCIOLOGY at Nigde University is a full time / face to face programme.

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