

Masters - sociology: surveys and documentaries - 120 credits / 4 semesters

Course Objectives

The Master's degree in sociology - surveys and documentaries is designed as an extension of the sociology degree at the university of limoges. Its aim is to help students embrace the challenges of sociology, both as a scientific discipline and as a social science involved in social, political and cultural issues. The target skills are a thorough command of the vocabulary and concepts of the discipline and the development of the ability to establish a sociological problem and diagnosis. This involves learning techniques for carrying out surveys and processing qualitative and quantitative data: defining the population to be surveyed, sampling and polling techniques, access to survey sites, conducting interviews, sociological observation, photographs, videos and sound recordings, drawing up questionnaires, content analysis for interviews, feedback from observations, statistical processing of qualitative data (textual statistics) and quantitative data (flat-sorting, cross-sorting, factorial and log-linear analyses, regressions).

It also incorporates a dual specialisation into its courses:

- On the one hand, a series of specialised courses in social sciences and survey techniques, both ethnographic and statistical in nature, are designed to provide students with a high level of training as sociological researchers.
- On the other hand, a series of courses offering a specialisation in the use of documentary, photography, sound or audiovisual, in the social sciences.

This double specialisation confers on the sociology course a specificity in the field of conducting surveys in social sciences. The familiarisation of students with documentaries, photographs, sound and audiovisual material, both in terms of resources for the social science survey and for audiovisual production itself, aims to enhance the training of students in the job market in the newspaper and audiovisual sector, in addition to opportunities for study firms, teaching and research professions or those of territorial public action.

Skills and Knowledge Required

The skills developed during the course are also those of team animation, such as the management of a platform of investigators, which includes the training of these to the administration of the surveys. Through field work and the writing of the thesis, students are led to strengthen their writing and public speaking skills, especially when reporting the results of the survey to a varied audience (sponsors, professionals, administrators and policy makers, general public).

Pre-Requisites and Admission Conditions

You must hold a 3-year higher education qualification (Bac+3)

Recommended degrees: Sociology, History, Law, Education Sciences.

Candidates will be evaluated based on:

- Their objectives and skills



- The nature and level of previous studies
- The motivation and coherence of their career plan

Further Studies

Doctorate

Career Options

In the case of direct access to the labour market, the trades covered are mainly in the field of territorial public action: project manager within local authorities or specialised firms, consultant, investigator, resource centre director or facilitator, development officer and project manager. The development professions, respectively cultural, local or social, are also a privileged orientation. The continuation of the dossier will show how these goals of professional integration will be optimised for the next four years, by an original device of confrontation and immersion in the field in the real world.

Priorities of the Teaching Team

To bring students to a high level of scientific production, to understand the issues of sociology at once as a scientific discipline but also as a social science involved in contemporary social and societal issues.

Study Abroad

Students will have the opportunity to spend a semester abroad on a study placement or on a work placement.

Course Structure

The classes will consist of lectures, tutorials and seminars. There will also be a mandatory internship throughout the course of the year, as well as the preparation of a dissertation.

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Students

- Supervision
- Research training related to the Gresco laboratory
- Team dynamic

Further Information

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Target Audience

Post-graduate students

Continuous professional training

Timetable

Average workload of course:

Master 1: 6-10 hrs per week

Master 2: 6-10 hrs per week