THE BROOKLYN COLLEGE M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY is designed to help you advance your skills in the theories and methods used by sociologists, and provide a thorough investigation into a variety of elective areas, such as race, gender, class and urban sociology. Our curriculum emphasizes critical thinking and writing skills with most classes taking the form of seminars that offer opportunities for extensive interaction with faculty and participation in their research. A distinguishing factor of our program is its location in Brooklyn, one of the most diverse, vibrant, and sociologically interesting places in the world. With a faculty who are engaged in many of the pressing issues facing urban areas, you will gain invaluable experience across the borough’s rich environments and be guided by professors who are noted experts in their fields, have strong community ties, and share a commitment to social justice.

You will join a diverse student body, many of whom are seeking to advance to a doctoral program. Among the schools where our graduates have been accepted are University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Duke University, University of Delaware, Howard University, UNC Chapel Hill and the CUNY Graduate Center. Our program also enables professionals to advance their careers, especially those who are seeking to become engaged social researchers and policymakers in government, social services or community organizations.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Degree Requirements
Applicants must have at least 12 credits in advanced courses in sociology or a related social science, including a B+ or better in courses in social theory and methods of research, a sample of your best academic writing, a personal statement outlining your interest in sociology, including research interests and future plans, and two letters of recommendation evaluating your academic credentials and skills. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are encouraged.

OUR FACULTY

With a broad range of research and teaching interests, our faculty share a common specialty in urban sociology, criminology, stratification, families, immigration, environmental and labor sociology both internationally and locally. Our research ranges from labor organizing, globalization and environmental changes, family and marital practices, and conditions of urban life. We are deeply committed to investigating our local New York City communities, with several faculty engaged in place-based research in Brooklyn. Mentoring is one of our key responsibilities. Students are encouraged to present papers at regional and national sociology conferences and have won the Undergraduate Poster Competition at the Eastern Sociological Society Conferences four years in a row.
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SELECTED FACULTY

Tamara Mose
Research focuses: Family and qualitative research methods, specifically ethnographic methods including participant observation and interviews. Her next research project will be centered on the commodification of food and sex as it relates to capital.

Carolina Bank Muñoz
Research focuses: Work and labor with a particular emphasis on how the labor process impacts women, immigrants, and people of color. She primarily uses qualitative methodologies such as ethnography, interviews, content analysis, and participant observation.

Timothy Shortell
Research focus: How urban dwellers routinely encounter differences in terms of race, ethnicity, class, gender, and religion, language, and make sense of public space, particularly in where and how we interact across group boundaries. He uses a visual sociological method called spatial semiotics to study signs of collective identity in global cities such as New York, Paris, and London.

Namita N. Manohar
Research focus: Broad interests in the sociology of families, international migration and the intersections of race, class, gender and ethnicity, centered of the diaspora experiences of Asian-Indians in the United States. She employs qualitative and feminist methodologies such as participant observation, feminist life-histories, interviews and content analysis.

1. Brooklyn Heights
2. Red Hook
3. Prospect Park
4. Park Slope
5. Gowanus
6. Sunset Park
7. Coney Island
8. Brownsville
9. Crown Heights
10. Bedford Stuyvesant
11. Weeksville
12. Williamsburg