

Department of Sociology

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Established in 1994, the graduate program of Sociology at Kyung Hee University offers a Master's and a Ph.D. program. As of 2013, there are 13 students enrolled in the Master's program and 5 students in the Ph.D. program.

The program is strongly committed to education and research in the broad range of sociological inquiry, providing a wide range of sociological sub-fields including social psychology, information society, organizations, culture, science and methodology, and religion. This program has a strong emphasis on social research training. Eventually, the program prepares students for professional careers in the field of social research and policy and other related fields.

| Degree Requirements |

- At least 24 course units of graduate level credit in sociology courses are required for a master's degree, 60 course units for a doctoral degree(including units completed in the master's course).
- Students must pass a qualifying examination.
- Students must fulfill presentation, defense and document requirements for the department thesis committee.
- A thesis advisor can be any faculty member in the department.

| Courses |

Fundamentals of Political Science, Seminar in Sociology Theories, Seminar in Methodology of Sociological Research, Seminar in Korean Sociology, Social Stratification, History of Sociological Theories, Understanding Social Statistics, Social Structure of South & North Korea, Sociology of Gender, Social Psychology, Culture of Visual Image, Cultural Sociology, Internet Sociology, Social Problems, Sociology of Mass Communications, Sociology of Religion, Social Change, Topics in Sociology, History of Social Thought, Advanced Social Statistics 1, Advanced Social Statistics 2, Practice in Regional Study, Historical Sociology, Information Society, Industrial Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Seminar in The Sociology of Family, etc.

| Faculty |

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Research Overview

Research at the Institute for Information Society Studies at Kyung Hee University focuses on the interaction of information technology, the study of society, social aspects of knowledge, society and the formation and characteristics of scientists and engineers. A strong emphasis is given to social surveys as the principal research method.

On-going research

- Development of the online education system
- Study of the values of Korean scientists and engineers
- Survey of environmental consciousness in the citizens of Seoul, Tokyo, Peking and Taipei
- Public conceptions of science and engineering occupations
- Public spheres mediated by ICT