Loyola's graduate programs in Sociology are distinctive in two ways:

- **An extensive commitment to value-oriented research.** Students in the department are exposed to faculty who are committed to making their research accessible to the wider community. This has been most fully institutionalized in the Department’s leadership role in the Center for Urban Research and Learning (https://www.luc.edu/curl/) (CURL) through which community organization leaders and academics collaborate as equal partners in research projects. Variously called “public sociology”, “value-oriented,” “action” or “participatory,” this style of research plays an important role in the Sociology program.

- **A genuine commitment to methodological pluralism and classroom skills.** All students receive an extensive training in qualitative and quantitative methodologies. Field studies, in-depth interviewing, participant observation, archival research, as well as surveys and sophisticated quantitative data analysis are equally stressed and represented in the department’s research and teaching agenda.

### Graduate Program

- Sociology (MA) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-ma/)
- Sociology (PhD) (https://catalog.luc.edu/graduate-professional/graduate-school/arts-sciences/sociology/sociology-phd/)