

# RURAL SOCIOLOGY

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## Learning Outcomes

### Master of Science (m.S.)

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate conceptual understanding in core rural sociological theory and research methods and ethics at the level required to contribute to the discipline and/or practice.
2. Graduates will be able to critically analyze the work of others in their field and apply that knowledge to problems of domestic and/or global interest.
3. Graduates will be able to synthesize theory and empirical literature to generate innovative approaches to research and execute a research strategy and explore implications for policy and/or practice.
4. Graduates will be able to effectively convey sociological ideas, arguments, and findings in formal presentations and in written work.
5. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to collaborate in a collegial and ethical manner with other professionals and a commitment to active citizenship in society at large.

### Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.d.)

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate deep conceptual understanding and proficiency in core rural sociological theory, research methods and ethics, as well as mastery in two selected concentration areas at the level required to contribute to the discipline.
2. Graduates will be able to critically analyze the work of others in their field and apply that knowledge to problems of domestic and/or global interest.
3. Graduates will be able to synthesize theory and empirical literature to generate innovative approaches to research and execute a research strategy to create new scientific knowledge and explore implications for policy and/or practice.
4. Graduates will be able to effectively convey sociological ideas, arguments, and findings in formal presentations and in written works to scholars in the field and to policy audiences.
5. Graduates will demonstrate the ability to collaborate in a collegial and ethical manner with other professionals within and across disciplines and demonstrate a commitment to active citizenship in the discipline and society at large.