

Advancement to Candidacy for the Ph.D. Sociology Graduate Group

1) Complete all required core courses

- Refer the Sociology degree requirements under “Yearly Progress;” refer to Year 2 and Year 3 for the next step.

Website: <https://sociology.ucmerced.edu/graduate-studies/yearly-progress>

2) Submit Qualifying Examination Application to Graduate Division-Graduate Services

- Submit the completed application a minimum of 30 days prior to the agreed upon Qualifying Examination date with your committee.

Website: <https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/faculty-staff-resources/forms-publications>

Email: gradservices@ucmerced.edu

3) Submit Qualifying Examination Report to Graduate Division-Graduate Services

- Submit the completed form within 30 days after the exam date

Website: <https://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/faculty-staff-resources/forms-publications>

Email: gradservices@ucmerced.edu

4) Advancement to Candidacy link is provided to the graduate student by the SOCI Graduate Specialist once all the requirements are met.

5) Submit Advancement to Candidacy Form

- Pay the Advancement to Candidacy fee

6) Initial Graduate Division-Graduate Services review

7) Committee Member approvals

8) Graduate Advisor Approval



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9) Graduate Group Chair Approval



10) Graduate Division Dean Approval



11) Division-Graduate Services will finalize and send an email to the student.

***If Masters Along the Way is selected, additional processing time is required.**



Please contact Graduate Services at ssha.grad@ucmerced.edu if you have any questions.