

# **Sociology Graduate Program Handbook**

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## **Mission of Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Programs**

The Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences graduate programs educate students through coursework in their academic specializations; promote professional development through professional practice opportunities; and foster personal enrichment through participation in a community of learners. These programs recognize differing goals and needs of students, who engage in further learning at a pace that suits student needs. The broad liberal arts goal of understanding and appreciating diverse cultures and heritages undergirds each graduate program.

## **Department of Sociology Mission Statement**

The Sociology Department at the University of Indianapolis educates about and works to overcome social, political, economic, and environmental problems and injustices while also exploring and celebrating our differences and shared humanity. We pursue these goals through our courses, meetings, events, scholarship, and related work at our university and in our city, state, and world. As professional sociologists, we proudly support our [university's policy of non-discrimination](#), which welcomes all people regardless of “race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation (or gender identity or expression) or age.” We recognize that diversity improves our lives, makes us better people, promotes innovation, and helps make our world a more beautiful, interesting place in which to live. To learn more, please [read the department statements and action steps](#) we have committed to.

## **Accreditations & Memberships**

The University of Indianapolis is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission to award master's degrees.

## **Graduate Program in Applied Sociology**

UIndy's Master of Arts in Applied Sociology program provides students with the critical thinking and research skills needed in today's ever-changing world. It emphasizes the practical application of social science research in solving contemporary social problems, and helps students develop skills that can be used in a variety of organizations. Our program also provides a strong foundation for PhD programs. The program is designed to serve a diverse audience with a variety of personal and career goals.

In addition to serving students in the traditional Master of Arts in Applied Sociology, the program offers three 12-credit graduate certificate programs in Applied Social Research, Nonprofit Leadership, and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB).

The graduate Sociology program at the University of Indianapolis offers small classes and individualized instruction. Students may pursue a degree on a part-time or full-time basis.

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To accommodate students who work full-time during the program, our graduate courses are offered in the evening.

Students do not need to have an undergraduate degree in sociology to enroll in the program.

### **Admission Policies and Procedures**

The application deadline for Semester I is July 15 and for Semester II is Nov. 1. Applications are accepted after these dates and will be considered for available openings in the program.

To be considered for UIndy's MA in Applied Sociology program, applicants must:

- hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States, or the equivalent of a bachelor's degree for students applying from outside the United States. Students may apply while completing their degree, but must successfully complete their bachelor's degree in order to begin the MA program.
- have a 3.0 overall undergraduate grade point average (scale of 4.0). Students with less than a 3.0 GPA may apply and be considered for conditional admission to the program.
- submit an [online graduate application](#)
- submit a letter of intent
  - In this letter of intent, please address the following: What interests you about the MA in Applied Sociology? Why is now the right time for you to pursue this degree? And, what do you hope to do with your MA? You can also use this space to explain or tell us anything else you would like the committee to know.
- Submit three letters of recommendation (via the reference form, which will request letters from your references), at least one of which is from a former professor
- Pay the \$30 application fee - fee waivers can be requested from the graduate program director
- Submit all transcripts for undergraduate work and any previous graduate study

### ***International Applicants***

In addition to the above requirements, international applicants must:

- submit their TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English Exam, or PTE Academic score.
  - The program requires a minimum TOEFL score of 79, IELTS score of 6.5, Duolingo English exam score of 110, or PTE Academic score of 53 for

international students for whom English is not their first language, or who did not attend an English-speaking university.

- Have their transcripts and credentials evaluated [as per the University's requirements](#).
- Complete a certification of finances (students applying for visas only)
- Submit a copy of their passport identity page (students applying for F-1 Student Visas only)
- Complete any other [university admission requirements](#) for international students

#### ***4+1 Program in Applied Sociology***

The Applied Sociology 4+1 program, available to undergraduate sociology majors, sociology minors, and criminal justice majors at the University of Indianapolis, allows students to complete both their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years. These programs are sometimes called a BA/MA program.

UIndy students applying as part of the 4+1 program:

- must be sociology majors, sociology minors, or criminal justice majors at the University of Indianapolis
- should apply in the semester where they take their second graduate course (while still in undergrad)
- must have a 3.2 GPA
- submit an online graduate application
- submit a letter of intent
  - In this letter of intent, please address the following: What interests you about the MA in Applied Sociology? Why is now the right time for you to pursue this degree? And, what do you hope to do with your MA? You can also use this space to explain or tell us anything else you would like the committee to know.
- submit three letters of recommendation (via the reference form in the online application, which will request letters from the references), at least one of which is from a former professor

***Guaranteed Admission Applicants for IU-Kokomo or IU-Southeast Students***

Students who were awarded a baccalaureate degree in sociology or awarded baccalaureate degree in another major field and completed minor in sociology from IU-Kokomo or IU-Southeast within the last five years are eligible for guaranteed admission to the MA in Applied Sociology as per guaranteed admission agreements established between each university and UIndy. Students applying from one of these programs should:

- submit a transcript from IUK or IUS showing they were awarded a baccalaureate degree in sociology or awarded baccalaureate degree in another major field and completed minor in sociology within the last five years
  - Students may apply while completing their degree, but must successfully complete their bachelor's degree in order to begin the MA program.
- submit official transcripts from any other previous colleges or universities attended
- have an overall collegiate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0-point scale.
- submit an online graduate application to the MA in Applied Sociology program application prior to the stated application deadline. Students may apply after these dates and will be considered for available openings in the program.
  - Students with prior conduct issues receive further review and may be denied admission in accordance with University policies and practices.
- submit at least two professional letters of recommendation, including one from a former professor
- submit a letter of intent
  - In this letter of intent, please address the following: What interests you about the MA in Applied Sociology? Why is now the right time for you to pursue this degree? And, what do you hope to do with your MA? You can also use this space to explain or tell us anything else you would like the committee to know.
- contact the graduate program director to have the \$30 application fee waived
- international student applicants must also have a satisfactory score on the TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English exam, or PTE Academic assessment in accordance with the above policies for international student admission.

***Admission to a Certificate Program***

To apply to one of the graduate certificate programs in the department, students must submit:

- an online application
- pay the \$30 application fee
- submit official transcripts from each university or college attended
- provide three reference letters, at least of which two must be from someone familiar with your work and/or with you as a student
- submit a one to two page personal statement that outlines your reasons for applying to the program

### ***Admission as Non-Degree Student***

A student who wishes to take courses for credit but not pursue a degree may be admitted as a non-degree-seeking student. A student is limited to 12 credit hours once admitted as non-degree. Students enrolled at another accredited graduate school and wanting to transfer credits earned at the University of Indianapolis back to the home institution may be admitted by meeting the requirements for non-degree admission. In order to apply for non-degree admission, a student must:

- complete the application for graduate students and select the non-degree seeking option for the program of your choice.
- provide transcripts of all previous college work.
- submit a brief statement of intent, explaining purpose and goals.
- submit an application fee as specified on the application.

Before a student is allowed to register for courses as a non-degree student, they must have permission from the director of the graduate program in which the courses are being taught. This is required for each semester and each course for which the student enrolls.

### **Transfer Credit**

Graduate students may transfer *up to 12 credit hours* of graduate coursework. All transferred work must carry a minimum grade of B (3.0) and have been completed within the five years prior to application for admission or during the five-year period allowed for completion of the graduate program. Transfer of credit for work done prior to degree candidacy must be approved by the program's director and relevant department faculty. After admission to candidacy, permission to do graduate work off campus must be approved in advance by the Program Director, Department Chair, and Dean of the Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences. Transfer credit will not be accepted until the student has achieved degree candidacy. No credit is given for work done by correspondence or on a pass/fail basis.

### **General Requirements and Program Options**

Unless otherwise specified, all written work must conform to the latest edition of the American Sociological Association style guide.

The Master of Arts in Applied Sociology requires 36 credit-hours (33 for those in the 4+1 program or who are part of the guaranteed admission program with IUK or IUS).

Coursework in a minimum of one concentration area is required. Students may choose multiple concentrations, though this may extend their time in the program depending on the concentrations selected. Students may take courses that are not in their chosen concentration area(s) as electives, so long as they have the required prerequisites. All concentrations are 21 credit hours, including elective courses. When combining concentrations, students may use the required courses for one concentration as the electives for another concentration.

### *Distribution of Courses*

As a general rule, only Sociology courses taken at UIndy (or Sociology courses accepted for transfer credit from another program) will be counted toward the Applied Sociology MA. With permission, students may take up to two graduate courses from other disciplines toward their degree requirements. Such courses must have a direct relationship to the student's interests (as reflected in the choice of practicum or thesis topic) and typically will be selected from among the course offerings in the graduate programs in English, History, International Relations, or Public Relations, though other courses can be considered.

### **Curriculum**

#### *Core required courses (15 hours)*

- SOC 575 - Applying Sociology (3 hours)
- SOC 530 - Introduction to Social Research (3 hours)
- SOC 531 - Quantitative Data Analysis (3 hours) OR SOC 532 - Qualitative Methods of Research & Evaluation (3 hours)
- SOC 533 - Classical Sociological Theory (3 hours)\*
- SOC 536 - Contemporary Social Theory (3 hours) (prerequisite SOC 533)

\*SOC 533 is required if the student has not taken it previously at the undergraduate or graduate levels. Students who have already taken a classical theory course may petition the graduate director to have this requirement waived and choose an elective instead.

#### *Applied Research and Evaluation Concentration*

- SOC 531 - Quantitative Data Analysis (3 hours) OR SOC 532 - Qualitative Methods of Research & Evaluation (3 hours) (whichever was not taken as part of the Core; prerequisite SOC 530)
- SOC 513 - Grant Writing for Program Development & Research Support (3 hours) (prerequisite SOC 530)
- SOC 589 - Thesis Proposal (3 hours) **AND** SOC 590 - Thesis/Project/Sociology (3 hours) **OR** a minimum of 6 hours in a research-oriented SOC 550 practicum
- 9 credit hours of electives

Students should consult with the graduate advisor to determine if a thesis or research practicum is most appropriate for their career plans/goals. It is strongly recommended that students

pursuing a thesis take a directed readings course focused on their area of interest for the thesis as one of the elective courses during the semester before the proposal course is taken. For more information about the thesis process, please refer to the department's [Thesis Guidelines](#).

### *Community and Nonprofit Leadership Concentration*

- SOC 500 - Urban & Community Sociology (3 hours)
- SOC 511 - Leadership of Social Agencies (3 hours)
- SOC 513 - Grant Writing for Program Development & Research Support (3 hours) (prerequisite SOC 530)
- SOC 550 - Service Practicum (3 hours)
- ENGL 583 - Writing and Editing for Nonprofits (3 hours)
- 6 credit hours of electives

### *Teaching College Sociology*

- SOC 551 - Teaching Experience (3 hours)
- Six credit hours (two classes) of the following courses (course offers subject to faculty availability):
  - SOC 515 - Social Organization of Work (3 hours)
  - SOC 519 - The Family: A Global Perspective (3 hours)
  - SOC 500 - Urban & Community Sociology (3 hours)
  - SOC 510: Criminology (3 hours)
  - SOC 580: Topical Seminar in Sociology (3 hours)
  - Other approved graduate electives
- 12 credit hours of electives

We encourage students interested in the Teaching concentration to pair this concentration with the Community Leadership or Applied Research Concentration to maximize the skills they will gain as part of the MA program.

### *Advising and Registration*

To be considered a full-time graduate student, a student must enroll for a minimum of nine hours. The graduate program director serves as the faculty advisor to all students in the MA in Applied Sociology and the graduate certificate programs. Course selection should be made in consultation with the faculty advisor. Graduate students are able to register electronically during the registration window. The Office of the Registrar establishes procedures and times for enrollment. Students are encouraged to register for courses as soon as possible once semester schedules are determined and published. Students should not delay registration unnecessarily, as courses lacking sufficient enrollment may be cancelled well in advance of the start of the semester.

Students are expected to complete degree requirements within five years from the time of initial enrollment, unless extraordinary circumstances preclude completion. If such circumstances

occur, the student must petition the department for an extension of the time period. For further information, contact the Department of Sociology and the office of the Dean of the Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences.

### *Directed Readings*

Directed Readings are provided for course work in an area in which the department otherwise offers no course, or for students desiring greater depth or a greater degree of specialization in an area in which the department offers a more general course. A course approximating one otherwise in the department's catalog may be offered as a Directed Readings course if the course is not available to the student during their time in the program.

The topic, reading load, and meeting schedule for SOC 585 is negotiated by the student and professor involved. The reading should reflect the amount of reading done in other graduate level courses (often about 3-4 articles/book chapters a week), though this is up to the discretion of the faculty member teaching the course.

SOC 585 may be repeated for credit. Although there is no limit to the number of hours that may be earned under the SOC 585 number, students should be aware that the program values the classroom interaction of graduate students and encourages students to sign up for regularly-scheduled classes whenever possible. Directed Readings are intended to supplement and enhance the student's graduate program and should not account for the main body of work.

Students completing a thesis are encouraged to take SOC 585 prior to enrolling in SOC 589 and to read in the area in which they plan to complete the thesis.

Enrollment in SOC 585 is subject to faculty availability and department capacity, and is not guaranteed.

NOTE: Students are not required to take Directed Readings, nor are faculty required to offer Directed Readings. A student should not expect a professor to offer Directed Readings in an area outside the professor's fields of specialty.

### *Thesis - SOC 589/SOC 590*

#### *Requirements for thesis eligibility*

- Students wishing to complete a thesis must be in the Applied Research concentration and be in good academic standing.
  - Community Leadership concentration students wishing to complete a thesis must obtain permission from the graduate program director. These requests will be subject to faculty availability.
- Students must have an approved [thesis prospectus](#) before they can register for SOC 589 and begin their thesis proposal.

- It is strongly recommended that students take a directed reading course on the topic of their thesis the semester before enrolling in the proposal course. Failure to do so will add significant additional work on top of a student's regular course load. This work will be front-loaded in the semester, which means that a student may be devoting up to 30-40 hours a week to their thesis.
- Students must successfully complete SOC 589 and have an approved proposal before enrolling in SOC 590. They also must complete the thesis questionnaire before the beginning of the semester they are enrolled in SOC 590.
- Students must have completed the CITI training required by the HRPP/IRB
- If their project requires it, students must complete the HRPP/IRB application.

See the [department thesis guidelines](#) for more information.

### **Graduate Certificate Programs**

All graduate certificates in the department are 12 credit hours. Students may also apply to the MA in Applied Sociology while completing or after completion of a certificate in the department and all certificate courses will be applied to the MA (as long as the courses were completed within the last 5 years and the student received a B- or higher as their final grade, according to the department's policies).

Please note that courses will be offered subject to faculty availability and capacity. Therefore, the certificate programs may take more than one academic year to complete.

### ***Applied Social Research***

#### **APPLIED SOCIAL RESEARCH CORE COURSES (9 credit hours)**

- **SOC 530** Introduction to Social Research (3) (fall)
- **SOC 531** Quantitative Data Analysis (3) (e/o winter)
- **SOC 532** Qualitative Methods of Research & Evaluation (3) (e/o winter)

#### **CHOOSE ONE ELECTIVE FROM THE LIST BELOW (3 credit hours)**

- **SOC 513** Grant Writing (3) (e/o winter)
- **SOC 533** Classical Sociological Theory (3) (e/o fall)
- **SOC 536** Contemporary Sociological Theory (3) (e/o fall)
- **SOC 550** Practicum in Sociology\*\* (note: must be research-focused) (3)
- **SOC 575** Applying Sociology (3) (winter)
- Other electives approved by the Applied Sociology graduate program director

### ***Nonprofit Leadership***

#### **NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES (9 credit hours)**

- **SOC 511** Leadership in Social Agencies (3) (e/o winter)
- **SOC 513** Grant Writing (3) (e/o winter)
- **ENGL 583** Writing/Editing for Nonprofits

#### **CHOOSE ONE ELECTIVE FROM THE LIST BELOW (3 credit hours)**

*Students should consult with the program director and choose the course that will most closely align with their interests/career aspirations/current work*

- **SOC 515** Empowering a Diverse Workforce (3)
- **SOC 530** Introduction to Social Research (3)
- **SOC 531** Quantitative Data Analysis (3)
- **SOC 532** Qualitative Methods of Research & Evaluation (3)
- **SOC 550** Practicum in Sociology (note: must be nonprofit leadership-focused) (3)
- **SOC 575** Applying Sociology (3)
- **ENGL 582** Writing for the Web (3)
- **COMM 519** Social Media Management (3)
- **MBA 632** Organizational Stewardship (3)
- Other electives approved by the Applied Sociology graduate program director

### ***Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Graduate Certificate***

#### **DEIB CORE COURSES (6 credit hours)**

- **SOC 515** Empowering a Diverse Workforce (3) (e/o fall)
- **SOC 518** Social Inequality (3) (e/o fall)

#### **CHOOSE TWO ELECTIVES FROM THE LIST BELOW (6 credit hours)**

*Students should consult with the program director and choose the courses that will most closely align with their interests/career aspirations/current work*

- **SOC 500** Urban and Community Sociology (3)
- **SOC 519** The Family: A Global Perspective (3)
- **SOC 535** Gender & Society (3)
- **SOC 580** Special Topics in Sociology (3) (when topic is DEIB related)
- **ANTH 508** Archeology of Gender (3)
- **ANTH 580** Special Topics in Anthropology (3) (when topic is DEIB related)
- **ENGL 535** Multicultural Literature (3)
- **ENGL 536** Postcolonial Literature (3)
- **ENGL 580** Special Topics in English (3) (when topic is DEIB related)
- Other electives approved by the Applied Sociology graduate program director

### **Academic Standing**

In order to remain in good standing as a degree candidate, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (B) in courses which are fulfilling the requirements of the Applied Sociology MA. Students become probationary when they fail to maintain an average of at least 3.0 (B). A student on probation will be evaluated by a committee from the department, and may be required to withdraw from the program. Credit hours carrying a grade of C+ or below will not count toward the total required for the degree, but will be counted for the purpose of calculating GPA until the course is repeated.

### *Repeating a Class*

Students may repeat classes under the following guidelines.

- In repeating a course in which a grade of C+ or below was earned, only the second grade is computed into the grade point average. The grade and the hours for the first class are no longer calculated, and the class cannot be used to fulfill any additional requirement, even when the first grade is higher than the second.
- A course must be repeated prior to taking a sequential course in order for the first grade to be taken out of the grade point average calculation.
- Students can earn credit only once for a course and cannot earn duplicate credit for repeated courses.
  - NOTE: Exceptions to this policy are SOC 580 (Special Topics) and SOC 585 (Directed Readings), which may be repeated when offered with a course topic for which the student has not previously earned a grade.
- All courses taken, and all grades earned, are recorded on the student's permanent record with appropriate notations.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they repeat all courses, as need. Failure to do so may result in subsequent problems with meeting degree requirements.

### *Incomplete and Deferred Grades*

An IN (incomplete) grade may be submitted when a student has not completed all work required for a course. The remaining work must be completed within six months of the time the incomplete grade was submitted or within a time frame established by the instructor. If the work is not completed in the prescribed time, the registrar will record a grade of F for the course. A DE (deferred) grade is submitted in courses having requirements that normally extend beyond the end of the semester. For example, a DE grade may be entered while a student completes a thesis and is enrolled in SOC 598 (Thesis Extension).

### *Dismissal from the Program*

Students on probation for failing to maintain a GPA of 3.0 (B) will have their status reviewed at the end of each probationary semester. Those failing to show progress may

be dismissed from the program.

Students may be dismissed from the program for failing to attend classes regularly. Students should endeavor to notify an instructor, in advance, of potential absences. A student missing two consecutive weeks of a class without contacting the instructor may be withdrawn from the course by the instructor, with a grade of WN to appear on the transcript.

NOTE: At the University of Indianapolis, a withdrawal initiated by a student appears on the permanent record as a W, while a withdrawal initiated by an instructor appears as a WN.

Students entering the program under Conditional Admission must maintain the GPA as specified at the time of their acceptance.

### *Academic Integrity*

University of Indianapolis students are expected to adhere to the ideal of academic integrity in all academic work. Academic honesty and respect for the work of others are considered inviolable tenets of an institution of higher education.

Plagiarism and cheating are contrary to the ideal of academic integrity and are not tolerated. Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work of someone else as one's own. This includes the use of generative AI to complete assignments, unless the use of AI is permitted by the instructor for that particular assignment.

Cheating is defined as dishonesty of any kind in connection with assignments or examinations; it applies to both giving and receiving unauthorized help. Students guilty of plagiarism or cheating are subject to disciplinary action that may include failure in the course involved or expulsion from the University. The disciplinary action is dependent upon the judgment of the instructor and the provost.

Some faculty members encourage collaborative work and make assignments that require cooperative effort. Authorized collaboration should not be confused with plagiarism or cheating.

Regulations concerning academic misconduct are described in detail in the Student Handbook, available from the Office for Student Affairs.

## **Graduation Requirements**

### *Credits Earned and Grade-Point Average*

- Students must complete the total number of credit hours and requirements as specified by the degree program

- A student must maintain a GPA of 3.0 (B).
- No grade below a 2.7 (B-) will be accepted for graduate credit or will count toward graduation.
- Students have a maximum of 5 years to complete their degrees.
  - Exceptions to policy can be made at the discretion of the Program Director, Department Chair, and Dean of the Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences.
  - Students must be enrolled in extensions every fall and spring if a thesis is required and after all other coursework is completed.

### *Time Limitations*

Students are expected to complete degree requirements within five years unless extraordinary circumstances preclude completion. If such circumstances occur, the student must petition for an extension of the time period. For further information, contact the office of the Dean of the Shaheen College of Arts & Sciences.

### *Participation in Commencement*

At the University of Indianapolis, a commencement ceremony is held in December and May of each year. Students completing degree requirements during the Summer Session following the commencement may participate in the May ceremony but will obtain their diplomas in August. Students completing graduation requirements in December may obtain their diplomas at that time, and may participate in either the December or May commencement ceremony for that academic year.

### **Financial Information**

Current tuition and fees can be found on the [UIndy Financial Aid website](#). Class schedules may be obtained from the [Office of the Registrar](#).

Students should consult directly with the Office of Financial Aid, 1-800-232-8634 or (317) 788-3217, concerning student loans. Information may also be obtained through the [Financial Aid website](#).

### **Sociology Department Graduate Assistantships**

Graduate Student Assistantships with the University of Indianapolis Department of Sociology are available to select outstanding students in the Applied Sociology Graduate Program. These positions provide an excellent opportunity to gain real experience working on applied social science projects in a wide array of areas such as research, program development, and teaching. These positions are competitive and require completion of an application. All applications are reviewed by the Sociology faculty members. Positions are awarded each year prior to the beginning of the fall semester. The assistantships are nine-month positions (August-May).

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Preference will be given to full-time students (registered for nine credit hours each semester) and students must be planning to be enrolled for the full academic year (Semester I and Semester II) to be eligible for these positions.

There are two kinds of positions, the departmental Graduate Assistantship and the Community Research Center Research Assistantships.

#### *Departmental Graduate Assistantship*

The Graduate Assistantship receives ½ tuition remission and works directly on departmental projects approximately 10 hours per week. Responsibilities of the positions may include, but are not limited to, assisting the director of the MA in Applied Sociology Program, the Department Chair, and associated faculty with ongoing projects by completing literature reviews, writing reports, entering data, recruiting students, assisting with classroom duties, and/or performing other duties as the projects require.

#### *Community Research Center Research Assistantship*

Community Research Center Research Assistantships with the University of Indianapolis Department of Sociology are available to select outstanding students in the Applied Sociology Graduate Program or outstanding undergraduate sociology students with the recommendation of a Sociology Department faculty member. These positions provide an excellent opportunity to gain real experience working on applied social science projects in a wide array of areas such as research, program development, and teaching. These positions are competitive and require completion of an application. All applications are reviewed by the Sociology faculty members. Positions are awarded each year prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

Responsibilities of the positions may include but are not limited to assisting the director(s) of the CRC and associated faculty with ongoing research projects by completing literature reviews, writing reports, entering data, conducting qualitative field interviews, and/or performing other duties as the projects require. Some of the projects may also qualify for up to six hours of research practicum courses credits toward the degree. Some studies could lead to publication in journals and other media and/or have opportunities for presentation at a professional conference. These positions are paid at the rate of \$15 per hour.

#### **Community Research Center**

The Community Research Center (CRC) serves as an educational setting for research and evaluation design for University students; supports the needs of community organizations for data collection, storage, and analysis; and provides a setting to support University faculty and student research. Recent CRC projects include research on perceptions of neighborhoods; vendors' experiences of connectedness at a winter farmers' market; development of an alumni survey for the University; and collecting oral histories of Indiana residents. Each year, the CRC provides research assistantship stipends, through a competitive application process, to outstanding graduate, 4+1, or undergraduate students in the Sociology program. In recent years, the CRC has also provided support for students to present their research at national academic

conferences. Assistantships are usually filled in May or June for the next academic year. For more information about the CRC please visit our [website](#) or email CRC co-directors, Dr. Colleen Wynn [wynnc@uindy.edu](mailto:wynnc@uindy.edu), or Dr. Liz Ziff [ziffe@uindy.edu](mailto:ziffe@uindy.edu).

### **Applied Sociology Faculty**

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