

SOCIAL STUDIES OF MEDICINE

About Social Studies of Medicine

The Department (SSOM) offers graduate studies in two areas:

- Medical Anthropology thesis program, given jointly with the Department of Anthropology;
- Medical Sociology thesis and non-thesis programs, given jointly with the Department of Sociology.

In each program, the student may work toward the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. All degrees are awarded by the relevant Faculty of Arts department. For further information regarding those departments, please consult the Anthropology or Sociology sections.

The Department (SSOM) is interdisciplinary, with faculty in the fields of medical anthropology and medical sociology. In its graduate programs, it attempts to provide two things: training that is solidly grounded in the discipline of the chosen program, i.e., in anthropology or sociology; and, through seminars and interaction with Department members and other graduate students, exposure to the other disciplines that are represented in the Department. The Department aims to instill in its graduates a combination of disciplinary competence and interdisciplinary perspective.

Ph.D. Programs

For information on the doctoral programs, please refer to the appropriate Department – Anthropology or Sociology.

Social Studies of Medicine Admission Requirements and Application Procedures

Admission Requirements

M.A. in Medical Anthropology

The program is open to students with backgrounds in the social sciences, medical professions, or medical sciences.

M.A. in Medical Sociology

The program is open to students with a background in social sciences, health professions, or health sciences. It aims to prepare candidates for a career in teaching and research in medical sociology, and there is consequently a preference for applicants with the potential to proceed to the doctoral degree.

Ph.D. Programs

Candidates for a Ph.D. will normally have taken their M.A. in the same field. Please refer to the appropriate department: Anthropology, or Sociology.

Application Procedures

McGill's online application form for graduate program candidates is available at mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/apply.

M.A. in Medical Anthropology

Admission is granted by a joint Admissions Committee made up of representatives from Anthropology and SSOM.

For details concerning applications, teaching assistantships, fellowships, etc., see the Department of Anthropology website.

M.A. in Medical Sociology

Admission is granted by representatives from Sociology and SSOM. For details concerning applications, teaching, assistantships, fellowships, etc., see the Department of Sociology website.

Ph.D. Programs

Please refer to the appropriate department: Anthropology, or Sociology.

Application Dates and Deadlines

The application deadlines to the Social Studies of Medicine Option may vary depending on the department you are applying to. For more information, please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator in the department you are interested in.

Admission to graduate studies is competitive; accordingly, late and/or incomplete applications are considered only as time and space permit.

Location

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