Task Force on Graduate Education: Selective Excellence

Program Ratings and Rationale

Program: Sociology M.A., Ph.D. Program
Rating: High Quality

Sociology displays a number of elements leading to a high quality rating. The applicant pool is strong and selectivity is very good. The program is highly diverse and places an emphasis on this feature. Funding appears adequate, and students have been successful at competing for extramural support. Median TTD of 5.9 yrs is somewhat long, although comparable to the average for the disciplinary group. The 48% completion rate could be improved, especially considering that 30% left with no degree. Placement of the graduates is strong with 89% of those graduating in 2003-08 in tenure track positions. The overall program enjoys a strong reputation and Social Psychology is a highly regarded (3rd ranked) program nationally.