

Join the Dual-Title Degree Program in Demography

Penn State has a nationally-recognized demography training program for students in six graduate degrees. This dual-title degree option trains students in highly marketable, interdisciplinary demographic tools & perspectives.

Who We Are

Social demography considers how population patterns & processes interact with biological, psychological, behavioral, social, cultural, economic, policy and/or spatial processes to affect individual, group or population outcomes.

You can earn a dual-title Master's and Doctoral degree in Demography in one of the following graduate programs: Anthropology; Energy, Environmental and Food Economics; Health Policy and Administration; Human Development and Family Studies; Rural Sociology; and Sociology.

Why Choose Us



Expert Training

Instruction from elite Demography faculty doing cutting-edge research at Penn State's NIH-funded Population Research Institute.



Career Options

Demographic training increases your academic and non-academic career options and improves your ability to work in interdisciplinary settings.



Large Alumni Network

We have hundreds of dedicated alumni located across the globe in numerous career paths interested in supporting current students.

Degree Benefits

Methodological Training

Courses in demographic techniques, spatial analysis, event history analysis (to predict timing), social network analysis, and hierarchical linear models.

Interdisciplinary Training

Learn how to use complimentary and connecting interdisciplinary perspectives from nearly 50 diverse Penn State faculty members.

Additional Resources

Demography independently funds research assistantship positions, provides conference travel awards, and offers career development training.

STEM-Designated Field

International dual-title Demography students with an F-1 visa can apply for up to 24 months of Optional Practical Training after earning their degree.