

IMPORTANT APPLICATION AND ADMISSION INFORMATION

Admission Requirements:

A limited number of students are admitted on a competitive basis each year based on the following criteria:

1. The student's overall GPA, and the student's GPA in sociology and related fields and in previous graduate work. Students must have a minimum of 3.00 to be considered. Students with averages near the bottom of the acceptable range must offer especially strong supporting materials (e.g., GREs and letters of recommendation) to be competitive.
2. Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general aptitude test not over three years old. GRE scores are used in conjunction with other application materials; no minimum score is required for admission. However, students with scores below the 50th percentile must offer especially strong supporting materials to be competitive. For International students, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) must show a score of 630 or higher or a score of 267 if taken on the computer or TOEFL IBT a score of 105 or better on the internet based test; speaking section must score 26 or better. Also required is the Test of Spoken English (TSE) with a score of 50 or higher.
3. Recommendations from persons familiar with the applicant's academic or professional competence.
4. The Department follows Affirmative Action guidelines in its selection and funding of graduate students.

Financial Aid Available

1. Graduate research and teaching assistantships, which waive nonresident tuition and (for 2009-10) provide stipends of \$14,734 for students without an M.A. degree and \$15,698 for students with an M.A. degree.
2. A limited number of Graduate College Fellowships.
3. Tuition and Registration Scholarships, which waive non-resident tuition and fees.

Application Procedures

In order to be considered for Fall admission with financial aid, COMPLETED applications must be received by **JANUARY 15TH** of the year for which you are applying. **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 15TH WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE UPCOMING FALL TERM.** APPLICANTS MUST APPLY TO BOTH THE GRADUATE COLLEGE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY. PLEASE SEND ALL MATERIALS TO THE CORRECT LOCATION. IF MATERIALS FOR DEPARTMENT ARE SENT TO GRADUATE ADMISSIONS, THIS COULD HOLD UP EVALUATION OF FILE.

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE:

1. Complete an on line Admission Application for the Office of Admissions, within the Graduate College at <http://grad.arizona.edu/admissions/apply-now>
2. **TOEFL** score a minimum of 630 or a minimum of 267 cbt or TOEFL IBT a score of 105 or better on the internet based test; speaking section must score 26 or better is required of foreign applicants except for those who have been enrolled for at least two years of academic work in an English-speaking country.
3. List 2102 as the department code for Sociology and 4832 for the UA school code. Your scores will be sent electronically to the University where our Department will retrieve your scores.
4. **Test of Spoken English (TSE)** of 50 or higher is for admission. List **2102** as the department code for Sociology and **4832** for the UA school code. Your scores will be sent electronically to the University where our Department will retrieve your scores.
5. Financial Guarantee required of foreign applicants who desire visa paperwork from this institution, or Domicile Affidavit for domestic applicants.
6. If you have questions regarding the Graduate Admissions application, materials, or fees, please call (520) 621-3471/621-3132
7. Admission Application Deadlines: Jan. 15th for applicants applying to the Sociology Graduate Program (deadline is the same as the Sociology Department's deadline).

THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

Please send the following application materials to the Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Room 400, Social Sciences Building, P.O. Box 210027, The University of Arizona, Tucson AZ 85721-0027:

1. Complete a Sociology Graduate Application. Download the Sociology Graduate Application from <http://sociology.arizona.edu/graduate.html> **NO SEPARATE FORM IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR APPLICATION OF FINANCIAL AID**; simply check the appropriate box on the back of the application form if you wish to be considered for financial aid.
2. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores from the general aptitude test, **taken within the last three years**. If your **scores are older than three years**, you must retake the GRE to be considered. When you take the exam, list 2102 as the department code for Sociology and 4832 for the School Code. Your score will be sent electronically to the University of Arizona where our Department will retrieve your GRE scores.
3. Three letters of recommendation from faculty who are familiar with your academic or professional competence. **(THERE ARE NO SPECIAL FORMS FOR THE LETTERS)** The letters should be typed on the letterhead from the appropriate Universities.
4. A statement of purpose, 1-2 pages in length, describing your interests and goals in graduate study.
5. A sample of your previous writing, **(in English)**, such as a term paper or thesis. Do not send a paper which you have written specifically for this application process.
6. Optional: any other supporting materials, such as curriculum vitae **(in English)**.
7. Official transcripts (with Registrar's seal) from all previous academic institutions you have attended to satisfy your degree/s. They can be mailed to us directly from the institutes or they can be sent with your application but they must be in their original sealed envelopes. Otherwise, they will not be accepted. (unofficial transcripts are acceptable while the original transcripts are en route to our department) It is your responsibility to ensure we receive all your original transcripts.
8. **International applicants**, please send a copy of your TOEFL or TOEFL IBT and TSE scores with your application to our department. However, when you initially take the exam, list 2102 for our department code and 4832 for the School Code. The center will electronically send your scores to the University of Arizona.
9. You must complete **two** applications for the University of Arizona: 1) Admission Application for the Office of Admissions within the Graduate College as previously stated and 2) The Sociology Department also as stated.
10. Sociology Graduate Application Deadline: January 15th. Late applications are not accepted.

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