

Sociology

For students who wish to become critical analysts of social problems, NC State's graduate program in sociology offers excellent training for academic, research and applied careers.

The 72-credit hour doctoral program is an intellectually stimulating and academically rigorous, yet supportive, environment.

Doctoral students have the opportunity to:

- Pursue a wide range of research topics and interests.
- Receive top-notch methodological training.
- Gain valuable teaching skills and experience.
- Collaborate on scholarly and applied research with our outstanding faculty and fellow graduate students.

Admitted Ph.D. students also benefit from a competitive award package that includes a 9-month stipend, health insurance, tuition remission, office space, and a travel funding allotment. Program alumni go on to succeed in academic and applied careers.

More Information

Sociology Program Website (<http://socant.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/sociology/>)

Application Requirements

A completed application includes transcripts, three letters of recommendation, a personal statement, and a writing sample.

The Admissions Committee is unable to consider incomplete applications. GRE scores are not required but you may submit them if you would like.

- **Transcripts:** You will need to upload unofficial transcripts of all your academic course work since high school, including each higher education institution you have attended. You only need to send official transcripts to the Graduate School if you are admitted.
- **Letters of Recommendation:** We require three letters of recommendation. The online process includes a form for your references to use. This form only has a small space for comments. Please ask your references to add a letter in which they provide more detail. Specifics about their experience with you are particularly informative. If you are not currently in school, please take care in selecting people to write these letters, as we need to know how you are likely to perform in an academic setting.
- **Personal Statement:** This is a statement of about two pages, where you should explain how graduate training in sociology, and our program in particular, fits into your professional and intellectual goals and plans. Please explain in your statement what sociological research areas and questions you are most interested in and why. If you have a preference for working with specific professors, that would be helpful to include as well.
- **Writing Sample:** We pay very careful attention to the example of your writing that you submit. We look for organization, use of evidence, logic of argument, and quality of analysis. Typical submissions include course papers and senior thesis chapters. We strongly prefer writing samples of approximately 15-25 pages in length. If you would like us to read part of a large work, you could attach an explanation of how the part relates to the whole.

- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE):** The GRE is optional for admission. Students do not have to submit GRE scores, and your application will not be penalized if you do not submit GRE scores. If you would like to submit GRE scores, the university's code is 5496.

Applicant Information

- **Delivery Method:** On-Campus
- **Entrance Exam:** GRE (Optional)
- **Interview Required:** None

Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** January 1

Degrees

- **Sociology (MR)** (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-mr/>)
- **Sociology (MS)** (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-ms/>)
- **Sociology (PhD)** (<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/sociology/sociology-phd/>)

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