Sociology, PhD

Program Description

Degree Awarded: PHD Sociology

The PhD program in sociology provides advanced training in theory, research methodology and substantive fields to prepare sociologists for teaching and research with special emphasis on family, medical sociology and demography.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

84 credit hours, a written comprehensive exam, a prospectus and a dissertation

**Required Core (6 credit hours)**
SOC 603 Perspectives in Sociological Inquiry (3)
SOC 685 Applied Social Theory (3)

**Theory (3 credit hours)**

**Methods (3 credit hours)**

**Statistics (3 credit hours)**

**Elective and Research (27 credit hours)**

**Culminating Experience (12 credit hours)**
SOC 799 Dissertation (12)
Additional Curriculum Information
When approved by the student's supervisory committee and the Graduate College, 30 credit hours from a previously awarded master's degree are allowed to be used toward this degree.

A minimum of 30 credit hours of the approved doctoral program, exclusive of dissertation and research hours, must be completed after admission to the program.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a master's degree in sociology or related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. current resume or curriculum vitae
4. personal statement detailing professional goals and research experiences
5. writing sample
6. GRE scores (verbal, quantitative and writing)
7. three letters of appraisal from persons familiar with the applicant's academic background
8. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

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