The doctorate degree program in sociology provides you with grounding in core sociological theories and methods and engages you in ongoing research projects by individual ASU faculty, research teams and research institutes and centers from throughout the university.

**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 cumulative GPA of 3.00 (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 must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

A personal statement is required. It must be three pages or less, double spaced, and address the applicant's professional goals and reasons for desiring to enroll in the program, describe strengths that will help the
student succeed in the program and reach professional goals, describe research experience (include a
description of master's thesis if applicable) and relevant responsibilities held, indicate personal research
interests as specifically as possible, and include any additional information that will help the committee to
evaluate the application.

Three letters of recommendation are required, including at least one from an instructor at the applicant's
institution where graduate work was completed and at least one from an instructor at the applicant's
institution where undergraduate or graduate work was completed. These letters should be from people who
know the applicant as a student or in a professional capacity. Letters from family members or friends do not
meet this criterion.

Students should see the program website for application deadlines.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

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