

Application Materials Required by the M.A. Program in Sociology

Materials required of all applicants

Please e-mail the application materials below to: socgradapp@csun.edu

- **Unofficial Copy of your undergraduate transcripts**
- **Statement of Purpose (2-4 double-spaced pages)**
Topics to cover in your Statement of Purpose:
 - Introduce yourself, your interests within the field of sociology, and your motivation for pursuing graduate study. Why do you want to pursue a master's degree in sociology? What particular areas or topics are you interested in researching and why?
 - What personal and academic experiences have contributed toward your preparation for study in graduate school? Give examples of personal attributes or qualities that would help you complete graduate study successfully.
 - What are your future career goals and how will a master's degree in sociology help you achieve them? (For example - researcher/data analyst, community college instructor, public sector or non-profit manager, position within a government agency, community organizer, applying to Ph.D. programs, etc.)
- **Writing Sample (Approximately 10-12 double spaced pages. Note: the writing sample can exceed 12 pages)**
 - Your writing sample can be a research or term paper you wrote for an undergraduate course.
 - We encourage applicants to revise and improve the paper that they originally submitted for the course. Incorporating any feedback received from the instructor for the course is also encouraged.
- **Letters of Recommendation**
 - Two letters of recommendation from faculty members who know your potential for success in graduate school. Please have your recommenders e-mail their letters directly to: socgradapp@csun.edu

Materials required of some applicants

- **GRE Scores** - Only required if your overall undergraduate GPA is below 3.0
 - Applicants with a GPA less than 3.0 will be considered, but are required to take the GRE. When you take the GRE you will be able to specify that you want your scores sent to CSUN.
 - Additionally, please e-mail an unofficial copy of your GRE scores to: socgradapp@csun.edu
- **TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE Scores** - Only required of international students.
 - When you take one of the above tests please specify that you want your scores sent to CSUN.
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