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:
  o 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?
  o 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.
  o 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)
  o Your writing sample can be a research or term paper you wrote for an undergraduate course.
  o 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
  o 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 international applicants

- TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE Scores - Only required of international students.
  o When you take one of the above tests please specify that you want your scores sent to CSUN.
  o Additionally, please e-mail an unofficial copy of your scores to: socgradapp@csun.edu