

Standards for Application Review

M.A. Program in Sociology

Below is a list of minimum standards that must be met in order to apply to the M.A. program in Sociology and have your application reviewed. Meeting the minimum standards below does not guarantee admission to the program. The members of the Graduate Committee take into consideration all of the applicant's materials when making decisions about admission.

- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applicants with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 will be considered, but are required to take the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) and score in the upper 50th percentile in at least one of the three portions of the test.
- A bachelor's degree in Sociology (or another field of study). Applications from both sociology and non-sociology majors are considered. Applicants accepted into the program who have not completed undergraduate coursework in classical sociological theory, contemporary sociological theory, statistics, and research methods (or the equivalent) may be required to enroll in an undergraduate prerequisite course during their first semester in the program.
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members who know the applicant's potential for success in graduate studies.
- Transcripts of undergraduate work.
- A writing sample (term or research paper). The writing sample should be approximately 10-12 double-spaced pages, but can exceed 12 pages.
- Written statement of purpose (2-4 pages double-spaced pages).
- International applicants are required to take the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE exam.

If you have any questions, please contact the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Lauren McDonald at: lauren.mcdonald@csun.edu