

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
APPLICATION DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in the graduate program in sociology at the University of Kansas. We look forward to receiving your application. For additional information about our department and graduate program, including our Manual of Graduate Studies, we encourage you to visit our home page at www.sociology.ku.edu.

Fall

To be considered for all forms of financial assistance, including nomination by the Department for University awards and Graduate Teaching Assistantships for the coming academic year, your application should be complete by December 15. Applications completed after this date will be reviewed for admission but may be too late to be considered for a financial award.

Spring

Although we recommend that students begin their graduate work with the Professional Seminar which is taught only in the Fall term, applications for Spring are accepted. To be considered for Spring semester admission, graduate program application files must be complete by October 15.

Please send your application form, the non-refundable application fee, and one original transcript to the University of Kansas, Graduate Application Processing Center, Strong Hall, 1450 Jayhawk Blvd., Room 313, Lawrence, KS 66045-7535. All other application materials should be sent to the Department of Sociology.

Materials Required

1. The application form.
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae listing education and employment history, scholarships/fellowships, awards, etc.
3. A personal statement (2 page maximum) describing your academic interests and professional goals. Please clearly indicate your motivation for pursuing a graduate degree in sociology and, specifically, at the University of Kansas.
4. A Recommendation Rating Form and letter from three individuals who can evaluate your academic performance.
5. One original set of all your transcripts. These must be sealed and sent directly from each institution.

6. Original scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) aptitude tests. These must be sealed and sent directly from the testing center.
7. Non-native speakers must provide evidence of English proficiency by submitting original scores on either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Academic Format of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) administered by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations. These must be sealed and sent directly from the testing center. KU's Applied English Center will determine your English proficiency and may require that additional English courses be completed before undertaking full time study of sociology. Minimum scores are noted below.

	Paper-based TOEFL	Computer- or Internet-based TOEFL	Academic Format IELTS
Regular	All part scores at least 57	All part scores at least 23; Essay at least 4.0	Minimum band score 6.5, with no score below 6.0
Provisional	All part scores at least 53	All part scores at least 20; Essay at least 3.0	Minimum band score 5.5, with no score below 5.0

8. A writing sample of your academic work.
9. If desired, a cover letter indicating your wish to be considered for a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA) or other financial assistance. The Applied English Center assists departments in screening the oral language proficiency of non-native speakers of English who are applying for teaching positions. GTA applicants whose native language is not English are required by Board of Regents Policy to submit either a Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit Test score (SPEAK - www.aec.ku.edu) or an ETS-administered Test of Spoken English score (TSE - www.ets.org/tse) of 50 or higher.
10. The non-refundable application fee. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the University of Kansas. Online applications require electronic payment. Rates are subject to change.

US\$55 Domestic Paper
US\$60 International Paper

US\$45 Domestic Online
US\$55 International Online

Each year we admit only a small number of students out of a relatively large pool of applicants. We consider undergraduate and graduate grades, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, personal statements, and importantly, the fit between the applicants' interests and the strengths of our department.

International applicants should note that credible documentary evidence of financial support must be provided before an I-20 form (for F-1 status) or a DS-2019 form (for J-1 status) can be issued. For current estimates of expenses needed, please visit www.ku.edu/~issfacts.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at (785) 864-9400 or socdept@ku.edu.