
Program Entrance Requirements

Refer to the section on “Application Process” to see what steps you will need to follow in order to properly apply to the program. Prior to applying, all applicants will be expected to meet the following criteria to be admitted into the graduate program:

1. Applicants must have a B.A. or B.S. from an accredited institution, preferably with a major in sociology or any other social science;
2. Applicants must have taken pre-requisite courses in Social Theory (or its equivalent), Social Statistics (or its equivalent) and Research Methods (or its equivalent);
3. All applicants should have a 3.00 grade point average (A=4.00) on the most recent 60 semester hours of undergraduate or graduate coursework;
4. All applicants are required to take the general portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE administered by ETS, website: www.ets.org/gre/). The GRE must be taken at least a month prior to the application deadline and the score can not be older than 5 years. GRE scores are considered in the context of the applicant's whole record, but a strong application will normally have a total minimum score on the GRE verbal and quantitative section of 302 (preferably a minimum of 153 on the Verbal and minimum of 149 on the quantitative section). Also, a minimum of 3.5 is required on the analytical writing section
5. In addition to the GRE, International Students are also required to take the TOEFL. A total combined minimum score of 79 is required. The TOEFL score can not be older than 2 years.