**Application Guidelines for:** Sociology (MA or PhD)

**Application Deadline:** January 15 for Fall with funding / April 15 for Fall without funding

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| Letter of Intent           | A letter of intent that clearly and concisely describes your academic background and interests. Please ensure the letter touches on the following topics:  
• Professional experience, objectives, and any other factors bearing upon qualifications for graduate work in Sociology.  
• Your reasons for applying to this particular program.  
• Indicate which of the department specialties are of most interest to you:  
  o Crime, Law, and Social Control  
  o Sociology of Health & Medicine  
  o Race & Ethnicity  
  o Social Movements  
  o Global/ Transnational Sociology  
• Your reasons for seeking a graduate degree in Sociology.  
• If there are any weaknesses in the application file, such as poor grades, lack of previous Sociological coursework, or low GRE scores, you should address them. |
| Writing Sample             | One writing sample is required. A second writing sample is optional. Approximately 5 - 15 pages in length. The samples may be a previously submitted term paper or an original essay. This requirement provides the applicant with the opportunity to demonstrate research and analytical abilities. |
| CV/Resume                  | A resume or curriculum vitae. Please include your contact information at the top of the page and the following, as applicable:  
• Degrees earned and in progress  
• Academic research experience  
• Teaching or grading experience  
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Recommendations | Three (3) letters of recommendation from academic references that address your past academic performance, including analytical abilities and potential for success in graduate studies. If you request a letter from a professional reference, the letter should address analytical abilities and professional qualifications relevant to Sociological areas of study. Please ensure references include a completed cover form.

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