### Application Guidelines for Sociology (PhD)

**Application Deadlines**
- For funding: January 15th
- Without funding: April 15th

**Website**
https://sociology.unm.edu

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<th>APPLICATION CATEGORY</th>
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<td>Program of Interest</td>
<td>Select: College of Arts and Sciences &gt; Sociology</td>
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<td>In addition to the unofficial transcript submitted to the online application, all applicants must submit official transcripts directly to the department:</td>
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| Educational Background| UNM Sociology Department  
Attn: Sociology Graduate Committee  
MSC05 3080  
1 University of New Mexico  
Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001 |
| Test Scores          | GRE required; scores should be sent directly by ETS using UNM code 4845. |
| 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:  
    - Crime, Law, and Social Control  
    - Sociology of Health & Medicine  
    - Race & Ethnicity  
    - Social Movements  
  - 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 | Two writing samples are required, 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  
- Work experience  
- Publications  
- Awards, honors, or professional memberships |
| Recommendations | Three 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. The online application system will automatically contact your recommenders so that they can confidentially upload the letters. |