

## Department Mission

The mission of sociology programs is to provide students with an advanced understanding of sociological theory, methods and principles that can be applied in public and private agencies and nonprofit organizations. The Department of Sociology prepares graduates to become informed citizens, scholars, researchers and leaders in their communities at the local, state and national levels.

The department provides an environment conducive to intellectual exchange characterized by innovative and outstanding:

- » teaching and curricula
- » service to students and community
- » scholarship and research
- » sociological practice and internships
- » commitment to multiculturalism and diversity

## Degrees Offered

- » Master of Arts in Sociology
- » Master of Science in Applied Sociology



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The Department of Sociology is an invaluable asset to Texas State University. The faculty and staff made it their goal to prepare me for success, and they were efficacious in that endeavor. I owe a great debt of gratitude for their knowledge and unwavering support.

– Jennifer McCleary, M.S. alumna,  
Travis County District Attorney  
in the Strategic Planning and  
Community Based Initiatives Division

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Students learn to think critically about social groups, society and institutions, and how to conduct quantitative and qualitative research.



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## Why choose Texas State?

Sociology offers a wide range of career possibilities since concerns over issues like the environment, urban development, health, aging and a competitive global economy have increased the demand for social scientists and trained evaluators. The Department of Sociology provides curriculum and training to prepare students to meet this need.

Graduates pursue doctoral degrees in nationally recognized programs; others teach in universities or work as advocates, research analysts, research specialists and statisticians at nonprofit and local government agencies.

## Faculty

Faculty are well-trained methodologically and theoretically and conduct both applied and basic research. Main areas of specialization include inequality and multicultural relations (race, class, gender, sexuality), health and illness, aging and gerontology and sustainability/environment. The sociology faculty contribute actively to the field by publishing research relevant to current issues in books and scholarly journals, often receiving national and international recognition from academic circles as well as the popular press.



## Career Options

Sociologists embark on various career paths growing in number and significance within the fields of research, advocacy and teaching. Graduates will find positions in corporations, human resources, academia, state agencies and nonprofit organizations such as:

- » survey or market researchers
- » program evaluators
- » evaluation researchers
- » policy analysts
- » grant writers
- » data analysts
- » statisticians
- » informed activists or advocates
- » diversity specialists or administrators
- » teachers in community colleges

# Important Deadlines\*

## Admissions

Priority Fall: March 1

Fall: July 15

Spring: October 15

Summer: April 15

Summer midterm: June 1

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

## Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships

Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

## Course Work

### *Master of Science (M.S.) in Applied Sociology*

Students will master the techniques of qualitative and quantitative research, general statistical analysis and impact analysis in 37 hours of graduate study. They will learn the major theoretical perspectives of sociology and implement practical applications in one of two tracks. In the practicum track, students complete a site-based research practicum while non-thesis-track students take comprehensive exams and additional course work.

### *Master of Arts (M.A.) in Sociology*

Students pursuing the 37-credit-hour M.A. degree will be prepared for careers in government, private enterprise, education (including higher education) and social services. Additionally, the thesis course work in the M.A. program prepares students for further study in doctoral programs.

## How to Apply

For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit: [gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply](http://gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply)

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For information on deadlines, admission requirements and funding, visit:

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