PhD in Sociology

Admission Contact Information
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Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: January 15

- Minimum TOEFL scores:
  - Internet-based test (iBT): 61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 80
  - Paper-based test (PBT): 500 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 550
  - Minimum GRE score: case-by-case
  - 15 hours of undergraduate sociology with a grade of B or better, including one course in sociological theory and a basic statistics course

Required Application Materials
To the Office of Graduate Studies:
  - All required Graduate Studies documents

To the Sociology Program: http://sociology.missouri.edu/grad/admission-and-application-forms
  - GRE score report
  - Departmental application
  - 3 letters of recommendation
  - Statement of research interests
  - Copy of Graduate Studies application (needs to be printed out when done online)
  - Copies of transcripts (it is helpful to have unofficial copies sent to the department)
  - One page Application for Financial Support

Degree Requirements
The PhD program requires a minimum of 30 hours of course work including:

- SOCIOL 9187 Seminar in Sociological Theory I 3
- SOCIOL 9487 Seminar in Sociological Theory II 3
- SOCIOL 8120 The Logic of Social Research 3
- SOCIOL 7120 Social Statistics (or its equivalent) 3
- SOCIOL 8130 Advanced Social Statistics 3

plus six courses targeted to the student's specialty interests.

Exams and Research
All students are required to submit a research paper no later than their fourth semester of residence. Students with a Master's Thesis in sociology can fulfill this requirement as early as their first semester. At least eight months before the date on which they expect to complete the degree, candidates must pass a comprehensive examination centered on two of the five graduate program areas. Students must prepare and successfully defend a dissertation that makes an original contribution to the discipline.