PhD in Sociology

Admission Contact Information
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Admission Criteria
Fall deadline: January 15

• Minimum TOEFL scores:
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<th>Paper-based test (PBT)</th>
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<td>61 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 80</td>
<td>500 Effective July 1, 2015 must have score of 550</td>
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  • 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
• Research paper, master’s thesis, senior thesis, or term paper

PhD Plan of Study
The PhD program requires a minimum of 30 hours of course work including:

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<td>SOCIOL 8100</td>
<td>Theoretical Thinking in Sociology</td>
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<td>plus six courses targeted to the student's specialty interests.</td>
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<td>SOCIOL 9837</td>
<td>Seminar in Multivariate Analysis Techniques</td>
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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.