SOCILOGY, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

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The graduate program is small and cohesive with a high faculty-student ratio. All students are required to take a small core of required courses in theory and methods. Each term that students are in residence, they participate in at least one of a series of professional development workshops. Doctoral candidates must pass specialty examinations and write and defend a dissertation proposal and final dissertation.

Graduate Degree Programs in Sociology

Sociology, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/las/sociology-ma/)
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Sociology, PhD (p. 1)
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Admission
The Graduate College admission requirements apply. Students applying for admission should have a background in one of the social sciences, preferably sociology. Applicants must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores on the tests of verbal ability, quantitative ability, and analytical ability. The advanced test in sociology is optional. A writing sample is required. Non-native English speakers must also submit Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and the Test of Spoken English (TSE) scores. The department does not accept applications to the M.A. program.

Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience in this program.

Financial Aid
Financial support is provided for most graduate students through teaching assistantships, research assistantships, tuition and fee waivers, fellowships, and other University and external financial support.