# SOCIOLOGY (PHD)

The Department of Sociology provides a unique opportunity to work with a strong group of active research scholars in the following areas: family and the life course; inequality (race, class gender, and sexuality); physical and mental health.

Some students also seek specializations outside of the department in affiliated programs such as Women's and Gender Studies, Ethnic Studies, and Environmental Studies.

## Description

The department has a strong culture of graduate student mentoring. Graduate students work with faculty in the classroom and on individual research projects. Additional research resources include: major data sets that provide students with opportunities to do independent or collaborative research; outstanding survey research and statistics training; excellent computer facilities; strong ties to the Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR); and a long history of substantial grant support from a range of federal research agencies, including NIH, NSF, NIMH, NIDA. Graduate students also receive formal teacher training and have opportunities to obtain considerable teaching experience. Our supportive and cooperative environment helps students to fully develop as research scholars and educators.

The department promotes a sense of collegiality and community with a colloquium series (i.e., several research presentations throughout the academic year). We also strive for a diverse group of faculty and students. We have earned the national "SWS Seal of Excellence" for department climate that is welcoming to women and gender scholars, the Chancellor's Commission on People of Color Department Award of Excellence, and the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women Award as well, for our outreach and achievement in these arenas. Several of our faculty members teach courses affiliated with Women's and Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies.

## Specializations

- Environmental Studies
- Ethnic Studies
- Women's & Gender Studies

## Program Website

https://soc.unl.edu/graduate

## Applying for Admission

### Standard requirements for all graduate programs

- Application for Admission with $50 non-refundable application fee (https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements#appfee).
- Transcripts (https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/requirements#transcripts) (unofficial): Uploaded as part of application form.

  If International: Uploads must include all college- or university-level transcripts or mark sheets (records of courses and marks earned), with certificates, diplomas, and degrees plus certified English translations.

  After admission: Official documents are required from all students who are admitted and enroll. Photocopies of certified records are not acceptable. International students enrolled in other U.S. institutions may have certified copies of all foreign records sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies by their current school's registrar office.
- If applicant's native language is not English, verification of English proficiency (https://graduate.unl.edu/admissions/english-proficiency) is required.

  When sending TOEFL scores, our institution code is 6877 and a department code is not needed.
- If applicant is not a US citizen and expects an F or J visa: financial information (https://graduate.unl.edu/prospective/international/financial).
- Applicants must also fulfill any additional requirements the department specifies at the time of application.

### Additional requirements specific to this program

- GRE (optional)
- Resume/CV (required)
- Personal Statement: Letter of intent
- Writing Sample
- Coursework:  Sociology Prerequisites Worksheet (https://graduate.unl.edu/sites/unl.edu.executive-vice-chancellor.graduate-studies/files/media/file/Courses_SOCI.pdf)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Funding/Assistantships:  If you wish to be considered for an assistantship, check the appropriate box(es) in the Funding section of the application.
- If you are a current UNL Sociology MA student now applying for the PhD, contact the department for instructions.

### Admission Application Deadlines

January 3 for Fall