

SOCIOLOGY

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Applications from students with either a B.A. or M.A. degree will be accepted for fall admission the following year. Selection is based on:

- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>),
- three letters of recommendation,
- a résumé/curriculum vitae (CV),
- a personal statement,
- a sample of written work such as a term paper,
- and official Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) verbal, quantitative, and writing scores.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

The best-qualified applicants will be accepted up to the number of spaces available. Students with limited prior training in the field may be accepted, with the provision that they make up background deficiencies in the early part of their graduate program in consultation with and under the supervision of the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS). Acceptance into or continuation in the program is contingent on successful performance.