

# Department of Sociology, Graduate

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## Purpose and Goals

The mission of the graduate program in Sociology at Prairie View A&M University is to develop professional sociologists who are broadly educated in substantive areas of sociology and well trained in theory and methods.

The Master of Arts degree program in sociology offers a curriculum that enables students to analyze, critically evaluate and engage in the planning of solutions to problems that evolve from patterns of human social interaction. The graduate program prepares students for advanced study (e.g., PhD) in sociology, criminology, law, and social welfare.

## Admission Requirements

In addition to the regular application requirements of the university, applicants to the M.A. program must have the following:

1. Applicants must have a BA or BS degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Applicants must present evidence that they are capable of successfully completing a rigorous graduate program. Such evidence must include completion of a department application and three letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the student's academic potential.

## Academic Standards

To successfully matriculate through the M.A. program, students must maintain an average GPA of 3.0. Only two courses with a "C" grade, regardless of credit hours, will be accepted toward credit for the Master's degree.