



MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY & MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY

Proof of the following should be submitted at least 20 days prior to the beginning of the semester you plan to enroll*:

CLASSES BEGIN:

SPRING SEMESTER 2011	CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 5, 2011
SUMMER SEMESTER 2011	CLASSES BEGIN MAY 16, 2011 (SESSION I), JUNE 6, 2011 (SESSION II & SESSION III) and JULY 1, 2011 (SESSION IV)
FALL SEMESTER 2011	CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 22, 2011

* **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** interested in applying for admission to a graduate program offered by the Department of Sociology & Criminology need to submit a completed International Student Application Packet to the Graduate School by the following dates:

SUMMER SEMESTER 2011	FEBRUARY 7, 2011
FALL SEMESTER 2011	JUNE 6, 2011
SPRING SEMESTER 2012	OCTOBER 3, 2011

The Graduate Faculty in the Department of Sociology & Criminology has established the following admission criteria for persons seeking admission to the graduate programs in Sociology.

These criteria are regularly evaluated and consistently applied by the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee.

1. Completed [application](#) for admission to the UWG Graduate School
2. Non-refundable \$30.00 application fee (one time only)
3. One official transcript from each college or university attended
4. Satisfactory [certificate of immunization](#) (New Students Only)
5. 2.5 cumulative undergraduate GPA (4.0 scale)
6. Acceptable score on Graduate Record Exam (over)
7. Three [letters of recommendation](#) from individuals knowledgeable of your professional and academic abilities. It is required that every candidate has at least 2 academic references, preferably from faculty with whom the candidate has studied. It is further advisable that the candidate does not choose a family member or a neighbor for the third letter of recommendation.
8. Applicants for criminology and sociology programs must submit a 750-word intellectual biography. (See page 3.)
9. [Academic Honor Form](#)

Please send all documents, except the [Certificate of Immunization](#) (see form for instructions), directly to the Graduate School, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia 30118-4160. Please allow 7-10 days for processing your application. CHECK YOUR APPLICATION STATUS online by clicking on [HOW TO APPLY](#) (Item #9) on the Graduate School's web site.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Department of Sociology & Criminology	678-839-6505	www.westga.edu/soccrim/
Graduate School	678-839-6419	gradsch@westga.edu
Financial Aid	678-839-6421	www.westga.edu/finaid/
Registrar	678-839-6438	www.westga.edu/registrar/

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADMISSION TEST SCORES

All individuals applying for admissions to graduate programs at the University of West Georgia must take the appropriate test. For graduate programs in the social sciences, prospective students must submit an official GRE score.

REGULAR ADMISSION

- 2.5 grade point average on all undergraduate work
- A GRE score of at least **800** - (minimum **400** Verbal score and minimum **400** Quantitative and/or Analytical, whichever of the two scores is higher. This will only affect test scores taken prior to October 2002. For applicants submitting test scores after October 2002, the Verbal and Quantitative scores will be considered. Applicants must also submit a minimum GRE Analytical Writing test score of 3.5.

NOTE: It is very important for every candidate to know that the above represents the minimum admission standards. No candidate shall be considered for admission in the Department of Sociology & Criminology if she or he does not meet these minimal admission standards.

PROVISIONAL ADMISSION

Applicants with less than the required GPA and GRE scores may be considered for provisional admission if the undergraduate grade point average multiplied by 100 and added to the student's verbal and quantitative scores on the GRE Test equals a minimum of 1000. In no event may the grade point average be less than 2.2 or the score on any portion of the GRE be less than 350. Applicants must also submit a minimum writing score of 3.0. **Meeting the criteria for provisional status is no guarantee of admission. Provisional admission is ultimately subject to departmental approval and the Dean of the Graduate School.**

ADMISSION TEST INFORMATION

Computer-based testing for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is available throughout the year by calling 1-800-GRE-CALL or visiting online at www.gre.org/gentest.html. You can also obtain information on test dates and registration for the GRE. If you need more information, please call the Graduate School Office at 678-839-6419.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As your admissions letter states, no more than 9 hours taken as a post baccalaureate or non-degree student may subsequently be applied to a degree. In most situations, students will not be allowed to take the full 9 hours; therefore, students attempting to gain admittance to a degree program should make every effort to take the appropriate admissions test as soon as possible.

For more information about the Department of Sociology & Criminology, please visit online at www.westga.edu/soccrim/.

For more information on graduate degrees offered in the College of Social Sciences, please visit online at www.westga.edu/coss/; or consult the Graduate School's web site at www.westga.edu/~gradsch/.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL BIOGRAPHY

Applicants for criminology and sociology programs must submit a 750-word intellectual biography. Within this intellectual biography the candidate may want to comment upon:

- **When and where the candidate's interest in sociology developed**
- **How the field of sociology was incorporated into the candidate's undergraduate coursework**
- **How the field of sociology has been incorporated into the candidate's current professional work or will be incorporated into the candidate's future career goals**
- **Theoretical or methodological interests of the candidate**
- **The candidate's plans or ideas for original research**
- **A faculty member that the candidate is interested in studying with**

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Sociology & Criminology at 678-839-6505.