



MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

The following should be submitted to the appropriate UWG office at least 20 days prior to the beginning of the semester you plan to enroll*:

University Requirements:

1. Complete an [application](#) for graduate admission;
2. Non-refundable \$40.00 application fee;
3. One official transcript from each college or university attended;
4. [Certificate of Immunization](#) must be sent directly to the Office of Student Health Services (Only applicable to new students);

Department Requirements:

5. 2.5 cumulative undergraduate GPA on a 4.0 scale;
6. A 750-word intellectual autobiography highlighting your reasons for pursuing a graduate degree at UWG (see page 3 for instructions);
7. An official score of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (Send directly to UWG Admission's Office) There is no required minimum GRE score, however, we do have a recommended minimum combined score of 291 (equivalent to 800 in the old scoring system). Students with scores below the recommended minimum will still be considered if they have strong letters of recommendation, a high GPA, and a compelling intellectual biography. Also, applicants who have taken 21 upper division hours in Sociology at the University of West Georgia, six of which must be from required courses, and who have an overall GPA of 3.2 along with a GPA of 3.5 in Sociology do not have to take the GRE to be considered for regular admission; and
8. Three strong [letters of recommendation](#) from individuals knowledgeable of your academic and/or professional abilities. A candidate should have 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.

Please send **ALL materials** (except Certificate of Immunization) to:
Office of Graduate and International Admissions
University of West Georgia
Aycock Hall, Room 127
Carrollton, GA 30118

Check your Application Status online by clicking [here](#).

***International Students** interested in applying for admission to a graduate program offered by the Department of Sociology need to submit a completed Application Packet by the following dates found [here](#).

Important Contact Information:

Department of Sociology	www.westga.edu/sociology/	678-839-6329
College of Social Sciences	http://www.westga.edu/coss/	678-839-5170 678-839-5171 (FAX)
Admissions Office	www.westga.edu/admiss/	678-839-5600
Financial Aid	www.westga.edu/finaid/	678-839-6421
Registrar	www.westga.edu/registrar/	678-839-6438

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Applicants for the MA Sociology program 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 at 678-839-6329.

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