

APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1: Submit an University Online Application via Cal State Apply (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>) and pay the required fee. A SDSU RED ID Number will then be assigned, which allows online application status tracking.

Step 2: Send official transcripts to Graduate Admissions (<https://admissions.sdsu.edu/graduate>), where you can also find additional details about the application process.

- Official transcripts (in sealed envelopes) issued within the last year from all colleges and universities attended must be sent to: Enrollment Services , Graduate Admissions Document Processing Unit, SDSU, San Diego, CA 92182-7416.

International documents: If you have completed coursework outside the USA, you must have your school send us one official original-language record of all academic coursework and proof of degree. For further information regarding this, please visit the Requirements by Country page (<https://admissions.sdsu.edu/graduate>).

Step 3: Complete a Sociology Department MA program application via Interfolio <https://apply.interfolio.com/77751>.

- Statement of Purpose: Include your area(s) of interest and any faculty member(s) with whom you would like to study or work (word limit = 750).

- Writing Sample or Personal Statement: We prefer an academic paper, including a brief description of its purpose or context. If this is not available, submit a 3-5 page personal statement.

- Three Letters of Recommendation: At least two of your letters must be from professors or others who can speak to your academic ability.

- Unofficial Transcripts: Please provide transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended (photocopies are acceptable.)

SDSU Department of Sociology

**MASTER OF ARTS (MA)
GRADUATE PROGRAM**

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OUR PROGRAM

“IMPROVING HUMAN WELL-BEING BY INVESTIGATING SOCIAL INEQUALITIES”

The Department of Sociology at SDSU offers a Master of Arts degree in Sociology. Students who have earned a MA in our program have gone on to pursue a Ph.D. in Sociology or other academic discipline and/or to teach, organize or do research for a community-based, governmental, labor or other organization. Our two-year program requires 10 courses, which provide students with a strong foundation in both theory and methods, and offers rotating seminars in fields such as health, immigration, globalization and inequality, criminology, race and gender/sexualities, education, media and culture, and demography.

Students in our program are often given the opportunity to develop their teaching and research skills while being paid as a teaching or research assistant. In their second year, many work as teaching assistant, leading their own smaller break-out sections. Students may also have the opportunity to work directly with a professor on a research project that is externally funded or to take a community-based research practicum course which allows students to participate as a member of a research team.

Many of our students have published policy reports or academic articles with our professors and often present their own or co-authored research at local and national conferences such as the annual meetings of the California Sociological Association (CSA), Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) or American Sociological Association (ASA).

The culmination of the program is either a thesis (for which the student conducts primary research in his or her area of interest) OR a comprehensive exam (in which the student demonstrates mastery of a particular field in sociology). Our professors are dedicated to offering guidance and support to students throughout this process, and their areas of expertise include social inequalities, international migration, crime and deviance, law and justice, gender and family, health, education, labor relations, social movements, globalization, and popular culture. Also, taking advantage of our geographical location, several faculty members work on international trans-border and trans-cultural research projects.

PROGRAM FALL 2021 DEADLINES *

SUBMIT CAL STATE APPLY APPLICATION - MARCH 2

* PRIORITY REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 4

SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO GRADUATE ADMISSIONS - APRIL 1 COMPLETE

PROGRAM APPLICATION - APRIL 1

LIST OF PROFESSORS & AREAS OF INTEREST

AUDREY N. BECK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR, PH.D., DUKE UNIVERSITY (HEALTH, STRATIFICATION, FAMILY, EDUCATION, DEMOGRAPHY, IMMIGRATION, RESEARCH METHODS, STATISTICS)

TIMOTHY C. BROWN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & GRADUATE ADVISOR, PH.D., LSU (CRIME AND DEVIANCE, GANGS, COMMUNITIES AND CRIME, CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY)

JUNG MIN CHOI, PROFESSOR, PH.D., YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO (CRITICAL RACE THEORY, CRITICAL PEDAGOGY, SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY, NARRATIVE HEALTH)

JILL ESBENSHADE, PROFESSOR, PH.D., UC, BERKELEY (ETHNIC STUDIES, MINORITY GROUPS, IMMIGRATION, GLOBAL ECONOMY, LABOR/APPAREL INDUSTRY, GENDER)

JOSEPH GIBBONS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PH.D., UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, SUNY (URBAN SOCIOLOGY, RACE AND ETHNICITY, URBAN ORGANIZATION, HEALTH DISPARITIES, MIXED METHODS, SPATIAL ANALYSIS)

HANK JOHNSTON, PROFESSOR, PH.D., UCSD, (SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND CONTENTIOUS POLITICS, ETHNO-NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS, MOBILIZATION PROCESSES)

MINJEONG KIM, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR & DEPARTMENT CHAIR, PH.D., UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, SUNY (GENDER, FAMILY AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES AND THE MEDIA)

RUTH X. LIU, PROFESSOR, PH.D., TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (DEVIANCE AND CRIME, AT-RISK YOUTH, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, QUANTITATIVE METHODS)

ENRICO MARCELLI, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PH.D. USC (MIGRATION, HEALTH, QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS & DEMOGRAPHY)

MICHAEL MCCALL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PH.D., WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS (CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, GROUP DECISION MAKING, POLICING)

NORMA OJEDA, PROFESSOR EMERITA, PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN (DEMOGRAPHY, FAMILY, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, GENDER, U.S.-MEXICO BORDER STUDIES)

ERIKA ROBB, LARKINS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DIRECTOR J. KEITH BEHNER AND CATHERINE M. STIEFEL PROGRAM ON BRAZIL, PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN (VIOLENCE AND INEQUALITY IN URBAN SETTINGS, BRAZIL)

MICHAEL J. ROBERTS, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND ADVISOR FOR ALPHA KAPPA DELTA, PH.D. CIUNY, GRADUATE CENTER (SOCIAL THEORY, LABOR STUDIES, POPULAR CULTURE, CRITICAL THEORY, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, SOCIOLOGY OF MUSIC)

NORAH SHULTZ, PROFESSOR, PH.D., BRYN MAWR COLLEGE (HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM, INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION, POSTHUMANISM, FAMILY CAREGIVING & HEALTHY AGING GERONTOLOGY, VOLUNTEERISM)