

Admission

How to apply: Application materials may be obtained from the ECU Graduate School. Send mail requests to: Graduate Admissions Office, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858. Phone: 252-328-6012. E-mail: gradschool@ecu.edu. Application forms can also be downloaded from the Graduate School website: <http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/>

Admission requirements: The requirements for admission to the M.A. program in Sociology are:

"Application for Admission" form

3.0 college GPA and a satisfactory combined score on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE (Note: A GPA below 3.0 can be compensated for by a high GRE score and vice-versa. The absolute minimum GPA permitted by the ECU Graduate School is 2.5, or 3.0 in the student's major or in her/his senior year. The GRE is not required for applicants with a graduate degree in another field. The GRE score must be from within the past 5 years.)

2 letters of recommendation (not required for ECU undergraduate sociology majors)

Transcript

Statement of residence

Application fee

Deadline for application: Fall semester admission is encouraged. The application deadline for fall admission is June 1, but early application is beneficial. Students who are not North Carolina residents who wish to apply for a tuition waiver (which qualifies the student for in-state tuition rates) must apply by February 1. The application deadline for spring admission is October 15.

Admission by exception: Under special circumstances, a student who shows promise but does not meet the criteria listed above may be admitted "by exception." Such students typically will be required to perform well in their first several graduate courses in order to remain in the program.

Starting course work prior to formal admission to the program: Upon departmental approval, students wishing to begin their study prior to regular admission may count up to 2 courses (6 semester hours) taken while in non-degree status toward the master's degree in sociology.

Dual enrollment: Senior undergraduate sociology majors at ECU who lack 6 hours or less for graduation may apply for dual enrollment. The remaining undergraduate hours must be completed in the first semester of dual enrollment or else the student loses credit for any graduate courses taken.

Foreign student financial resources requirement: Foreign students are encouraged to apply. Note, however, that the university requires foreign students to demonstrate that they have the equivalent of approximately US \$15,000 (including departmental assistantship support, which is typically \$7,500 per academic year and a possible remission of out-of-state tuition charges) in monetary resources in order to be considered for admission.