



UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT of SOCIOLOGY

## **FAQs for Prospective Graduate Students**

### ***1. Can I submit any supplementary materials?***

Applicants may submit supplementary materials, but they are not required. If an applicant chooses to submit a writing sample, it needs to be small. All writing samples must be sent directly to the Sociology Department, and not included in the application to the GSAS.

### ***2. How many letters of recommendation do I need to submit?***

Two letters of recommendation are required. Applicants may submit additional materials in support of their application, including additional letters. All letters of recommendation must be submitted electronically. If you have any questions about the submission process please contact Rachel Sligar at [rcs5m@virginia.edu](mailto:rcs5m@virginia.edu).

### ***3. Does the department offer a terminal Masters degree?***

The UVA Sociology Department does not offer a self-standing Masters program. Students entering without a prior M.A. will earn an M.A. en route to the Ph.D. Students entering with an M.A. will be evaluated on an *ad hoc* basis to determine how much Sociology M.A. work at the University of Virginia will be required. (This will depend on where and when the prior M.A. was earned and in which subject). Inquiries should be directed to the [Director of Graduate Studies](#).

### ***4. Can I apply for admission to the graduate program for the Spring semester?***

Students are only admitted to the Sociology graduate program for the fall semester. The application deadline is *January 1* for all students wishing full consideration of their application. Inquiries should be directed to the [Graduate Administrative Assistant](#).

### ***5. Does the department accept part-time students for its Graduate Program?***

No.

### ***6. How much are GRE scores and GPA weighted in the admissions process?***

While GRE scores and GPA are considered for admissions, many other aspects of the application are taken into account, including transcripts, recommendation letters, personal statement and the applicant's overall fit to the department.

The department is very pleased that you have an interest in sociology and look forward to working with you.