

## About our Program

TAMIU's sociology program seeks to develop your understanding of the dynamics of the social world. Our goal is to assist you in seeing the less obvious, by instructing you in the methods and observation techniques of social science. We seek to provide you with first-rate skills in critical thinking, research, problem-solving, and writing so that upon graduation you will be qualified for professional advancement. Following the motto of our International Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta, we seek to inspire you "To investigate humanity for the purpose of service." Your MA in Sociology will enable you to play a vital role in the political, economic, and social development of the region, state, and nation.

The master's degree in Sociology requires that you complete 36 hours of graduate work for the non-thesis track. There are three essential core courses and thereafter, you select courses that best meet your individual interests. You choose a minor in another discipline to complement your major. We offer a 4000 level class, the Professional Seminar (SOCL 4380), that fulfills the stem work needed for those who did not graduate in sociology as an undergraduate.

## Why Should You Come Here?

TAMIU is a Member of The Texas A&M University System. The University is accredited by the Texas Education Agency and by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The University is a member of the

American Association of the State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the American Council on Education, and the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.

TAMIU's campus represents more than a \$200 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses in the first new campus in Texas in over 20 years. Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the U.S.-Mexico border in Laredo, Texas, affording immense opportunities for international, comparative and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities; like the Lamar Bruni Vergara Science Center.

Our classroom and facilities incorporate the latest trends in the evolving Internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free Internet. Eighteen computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 10 to 1.

Another essential element in your graduate study at TAMIU is the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library, the cornerstone of our on-campus support centers.

The Library houses more than 196,000 bound volumes and provides access to 1,492 print periodical subscriptions and over 8,000 electronic journals in full text or full image. Over 765,000 microform units and over 70,000 state and federal documents are available to library users.



## MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

### About our Faculty

Our full-time Ph.D. faculty has diverse interests and skills. They are dedicated to applying sociological analyses to further our understanding of the local environment, South Texas, and global society. Areas of faculty interest include but are not limited to: border issues, GIS (geographic information systems), spatial analyses, family violence, education, research methods, social networks, sociology of science and technology and urban development, all through the lens of race, class, and gender.

### Graduate Assistantships

A limited number of graduate assistantships are available each year to students. Interested parties may contact the Office of Graduate Studies at 956.326.3027.

# Sociology

## Careers

A masters degree in Sociology prepares you for many different careers in public and non-profit organizations, as well as some private organizations that interact with government and other public agencies including careers in business, state, local and federal government, international organizations, and finance. A Master's degree in sociology is an ideal major for careers in the following areas.

### Local Government

City management  
Financial administration  
Budget analysis  
General services  
Community affairs

### Business

International business  
Personnel/human resources  
Project monitoring  
Management  
Sales/marketing

### Health/Medical

Health care administration  
Personnel/human resources

### Environment

Natural resource management  
Environmental policy  
Environmental materials  
International affairs  
Education communication  
International health policy

### Non-Profit Sector

Feasibility and impact  
assessment  
Program planning and evaluation  
Personnel training and  
development



## How Do I Apply?

- Complete and submit University graduate application and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university is required.
- All applications can be downloaded from [www.tamtu.edu/gradschool/admissions](http://www.tamtu.edu/gradschool/admissions) or visit [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- Write a student narrative describing particular academic and career goals and objectives. Narratives must contain a minimum of 300 words.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Review additional program requirements in the graduate application.

Spring application deadline is Nov. 30 (domestic); Fall and Summer application deadline is April 30 (domestic); the Spring application deadline for International students is Oct. 1.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:

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