



Department of Sociology Doctoral Program

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Our Ph.D. program is a vibrant intellectual community of about 20 faculty members and 45 graduate students. We admit students with either bachelor's or master's degrees. Our faculty members are nationally and internationally recognized scholars with impressive records of research, publication, teaching, and grant-funded study. Founded in 1890, we are the oldest sociology department in the United States, and, as such, we have a long and distinguished history of rigorous training in both qualitative and quantitative study.

We subscribe to an apprenticeship philosophy of graduate education in which faculty and students treat education as a joint enterprise. The department is noted for the intense exchange of ideas among its graduate students, a strong culture of student mentoring and support, and faculty-student collaboration. Areas of concentration include:

- Culture
- Social Demography
- Environment
- Gender & Sexuality
- Globalization
- Medicine/Health/Aging/Life Course
- Race & Ethnicity
- Religion
- Social Inequality/Stratification

Recent research & publications by graduate students include the following:

- **Walter Goettlich** with Prof. **William Staples**. [Book review: Surveilling and Securing the Olympics: From Tokyo 1964 to London 2012 and Beyond by Vida Bajc \(ed\) in *Critical Sociology*.](#)
- **Adrienne Matlock** and **Jacob Lipsman**. [“Mitigating Environmental Harm in Urban Planning: An Ecological Perspective” in *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*.](#)
- **Byeongdon Oh** with Prof. **ChangHwan Kim**. “Broken Promise of College: New Educational Sorting Mechanisms for Intergenerational Association in the 21st Century.” *Forthcoming in [Social Science Research](#).*

FUNDING is available through fellowships and multi-year teaching and research assistantships that include tuition waivers & stipends. Scholarships and awards are available each year to defray the cost of conference travel and research from the department, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the Office of Graduate Studies, and other KU sources.

OTHER DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Professor **William Staples** serves as Director of the **Surveillance Studies Research Center**.
- ◆ We host a research journal edited by graduate students, ***Social Thought and Research***, and the graduate student organized and funded Blackmar Lecture Series, which brings junior sociology faculty from across the country to KU.
- ◆ A dual-title doctoral degree with the Gerontology Program is available. This option is designed to appeal to students who are strong in both disciplines. Upon the successful completion of the Ph.D. requirements of both areas, the student is awarded a single degree with both titles identified on the diploma: Ph.D. in Sociology & Gerontology.
- ◆ Graduate students in our program have an impressive record of receiving prestigious awards and fellowships such as a Ford Foundation Fellowship, ASA Minority Fellowship, and NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants!

APPLY NOW! You will find the KU graduate application form here: <http://graduate.ku.edu/ku-graduate-application>
Application requirements are specified on our website: <http://sociology.ku.edu/grad-admission>

Have questions? Please contact Graduate Academic Advisor Corinne Butler (cebutler@ku.edu) or Director of Graduate Studies Dr. **ChangHwan Kim** (chkim@ku.edu).

**Now accepting applications for Fall 2020! Applications are due January 10, 2020.
ALL applicants are considered for funding!**

ADMISSION PREREQUISITES

- Baccalaureate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA
- A course in sociological theory
- 15 hours of college credit in sociology
- A course in statistics

Students who lack one or more of the prerequisites may be admitted on a provisional basis.

