

## UF- SOCIOLOGY PROGRAM PRACTICES

Questions 1A, 1B - Communication with Potential Doctoral Students

Questions 2A, 2B – Admission

Questions 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D – Orientation and Advisement

Questions 4A, 4B – Social Interactions

| <b>Questions</b> |  | <b>Answers</b>   |
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| 1A               | When potential graduate students contact your department for information, who handles the inquiries? (Please provide the title rather than names)        | Almost all the contact today is by email. The graduate coordinator, a faculty member responds.   |
| 1B               | What type of information is usually sent in response to such inquiries?  | All of our graduate program information is on our webpage, and we refer students to it. We no longer provide hard copy materials unless a potential applicant says he/she doesn't have internet access. In that case, we send a printout of the essential part of our graduate program webpage.  |
| 2A               | Who in your department makes the decision about which applicants to admit (or to recommend for admission)? (Please provide the title rather than names). | The Graduate Coordinator chairs an admissions committee. They decide. For late admissions, the Graduate Coordinator has full authority to admit.   |
| 2B               | What criteria are used in making this decision?  | We use the standard criteria of undergraduate major, grades, GRE scores, and recommendations. We also require a statement of purpose and give it significant weight. Our committee gives particular weight to evidence that the student has gone beyond a standard undergraduate curriculum -- e.g., evidence of initiative to become involved in research |
| 3A               | How does your department orient new students to graduate study?  | We have a short half-day orientation at the beginning of term. Also, we have a required, non-credit pro seminar during the fall term that deals with professional issues.  |
| 3B               | Who handles initial course advisement for new doctoral students, and how is that person selected?  | The Graduate Coordinator provides initial advising.  |

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| 3C | Describe the process by which a student selects or is assigned a dissertation chair.  | The student proposes a chair and the students' choice are then approved by the Committee on Higher Degrees (which also serves as the admissions committee). |
| 3D | Can students in your department change dissertation chairs? If so, how is that change accomplished?   | Yes. They can change committee chairs through the same process as the initial choice of a chair. This type of change is very rare at the Ph.D. level.       |
| 4A | Other than formal coursework, does your department offer, sponsor, or support activities designed to foster social support and/or collaborative learning among doctoral students? (e.g., study groups, student organizations, student-student mentoring programs) If so, please describe. | We have a chapter of AKD in the department.   |
| 4B | Does your department hold regular social activities in which students can interact informally with faculty members and other students? If so, please describe   | We have a fall term opening reception and a spring picnic. We do not have weekly or bi-weekly events.   |