

**SELF-ASSESSMENT
SUMMARY OF GOALS AND ACTIVITIES
NCSU - SOCIOLOGY**

Condition #1: *The right people apply for doctoral study.*

Condition #2: *The right applicants are admitted as doctoral students*

Condition #3: *Students and faculty form productive working relationships*

Condition #4: *Students experience social support from fellow students*

Conditions	Goals /Activities	Timeline
#1.	Clarify information on course website and in informational letters and emails to indicate more specifically the nature of the program Discourage applications from students who do not intend to go beyond the master's degree Describe the doctoral areas of specialization offered by the program so that we recruit students in our strengths	Fall 2006
	More active filtering of prospective students (by DGP) and more selective contact through email, letters and phone (DGP and other faculty) to select students with interests compatible with our program	Fall 2006
#2.	More active involvement of areas of specialization in recruitment (application files to be reviewed by each area committee and a recommendation made to the Recruitment and Admissions Committee	Spring 2007
	Review of applicants to be considered in terms of compatibility with departmental areas of specialization (rather than relying solely or primarily on test scores and grades))	Spring 2007
	Advocacy roles of faculty in recommending admission	Spring 2007
	Expanded "Recruitment Weekend" with additional funding to increase the number of top applicants invited	Spring 2007
#3.	Recognition of faculty-student collaborations through use of display board in department	Fall 2006
	Develop faculty-student relationships during recruitment process that continue on after admission	Spring 2006
	Emphasize faculty-student collaboration in Proseminar	Fall 2006
	Presentations by faculty from each of the doctoral specialization areas in Proseminar to familiarize students with a wider range of faculty	Fall 2006
	Continuation of participation in Preparing Future Faculty program with emphasis on creation of faculty-student research teams	Fall 2006
#4.	Restructuring of course offerings in sequence so that each cohort moves through required core courses together	Ongoing
	Departmental support for Sociology Graduate Students' Association	Ongoing
	Office assignments designed to integrate new students with continuing students	Fall 2006

	Active support of Graduate Student Research Conference	Spring 2007
	Encourage creation of student-initiated research teams	Fall 2006