

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON**

Writing Sample and Statement of Educational and Career Objectives

Writing Sample

Submit an example of previously written work related to your sociological interests. This may be a course paper, research report, or other document. For those wishing to enter the Ph.D. program, submit a copy of your thesis proposal or thesis

Statement of Educational and Career Objectives

We would like to know more about you and your interests in sociology. This information will greatly assist us in reaching an admission decision, determining an assistantship award and making an assistantship placement with the most appropriate faculty member.

Be sure your name appears on each page of your typewritten reply

Please address the following areas:

1. Describe your academic and practical work to date that is related to your interest in sociology. Include a description of any honors, awards, publications, research activities or other evidence that will help us evaluate the quality of your work.
2. Describe the reasons you are interested in obtaining an advanced degree in sociology. Include your career objectives and a description of the specific areas within sociology that you find most interesting.
3. If there is additional information about yourself which you feel will assist the graduate admissions committee in making a decision, add a personal statement to the other material you submit.

Please send your material to:

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