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### **PURPOSE AND GOALS**

The mission of the graduate program in Sociology at Prairie View A&M University is to develop professional sociologists who are broadly educated in substantive areas of sociology and well trained in theory and methods.

The Master of Arts degree program in sociology offers a curriculum that enables students to analyze, critically evaluate and engage in the planning of solutions to problems that evolve from patterns of human social interaction. The graduate program prepares students for advanced study (e.g., Ph.D.) in sociology, criminology, law, and social welfare.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the regular application requirements of the university, applicants to the M.A. program must have the following:

- 1) A minimum of fifteen hours of undergraduate sociology courses is required, including one course in sociological theory, a basic statistics course, and a course in research methods. Students who apply without this background may be admitted under the condition that they must make up the undergraduate deficiency before starting the MA degree program courses. None of the courses used to correct the deficiency may be counted toward the MA degree.
- 2) Applicants must present evidence that they are capable of successfully completing a rigorous graduate program. Such evidence must include completion of a department application,, and three letters of recommendation from persons in a position to evaluate the student's academic potential.