

Growing up, I never would have suggested that I wanted to perform research or teach at the university level when I got older. Unfortunately for the five-year-old girl enjoying cartoons, I did not continue on the path to become a famous musician or actor. Fortunately for my present self, I was introduced to the world of sociology, which opened my eyes to understanding things about society I care about. Before arriving at Texas State University, I had not known much about the major. From the moment I attended my first lectures in Social Deviance and Technology and Society, I was compelled to switch my major from English to Sociology. The Texas State Sociology program convinced me that sociology would be my career path. Furthermore, my internship at Texas State University as a research assistant for Dr. Harris has solidified my dream of continuing my education to obtain a PhD and find a career in academia.

Through the duration of my undergraduate studies in the Applied Sociology program at Texas State University, I had the pleasure of witnessing and experiencing diversity which would be hard to find in many other situations. Through its enlightening diversity, this school has provided me with an understanding of social fabric both in and out of the classroom and has allowed me to practice my sociological imagination in numerous ways. To me, diversity is one of the most important values a university can uphold, especially regarding the study of sociology. With both a diverse student body and staff it becomes possible to connect educational lectures to the real world for a deeper and more meaningful understanding. Without this diverse setting, it would be difficult to understand sociological theory and deviant behaviors outside of textbook definitions and media representations. It is because of this that I hope to continue my education for a Master of Arts degree in Sociology at this very same university.

It is not only the diversity of the student body and staff at Texas State University which feeds my passion, however. During my undergraduate journey, I met several administrators,

professors, and counselors who brought Texas State to life for me. The sociology department is brimming with wonderful professors who share their passion with their students, creating an interesting and involved educational setting that facilitates the development of critical thinking. Academic counselors at Texas State University, as well, have been helpful every step of the way, guiding me to make decisions that have shaped my life and career goals. Thanks to my excellent undergraduate education, I have developed the ethical and critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in graduate school. Therefore, I believe I would be an ideal candidate for the Master of Arts in Sociology program at Texas State University.

I would be an ideal candidate for the Masters of Arts in Sociology program because of my strong leadership skills and my academic achievements throughout my undergraduate career. With a minor in Philosophy, I believe my knowledge on sociological theory, pragmatism, logic, and critical thinking have been extended beyond the subject of sociology, allowing me to connect lessons among different lectures to gain a more involved understanding. During my time at Texas State, I have received awards and honors for my achievements. My membership in Alpha Kappa Delta demonstrates my leadership qualities and ability to achieve academic success, including graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude). I believe that my academic success and passion for sociology make me an ideal candidate for a graduate assistantship, which would help me achieve my career goal of becoming a sociology professor at a prestigious university.

While Texas State has so much to offer for me including a diverse setting, beautiful location, and fantastic professors and administrators, I too have quite a bit to offer. I hope that through hard work, academic success, and leadership I will gain the ability to attend Texas State University for a Master of Arts in Sociology.