

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

*Minimum requirements apply
to all chapters of AKD*

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

- Be enrolled as a major or minor in a sociology program or a program sociological in nature
- Be at least a junior (third year)
- Rank in the top 35% of graduating class
- Have a 3.0 GPA in sociology courses taken at the host institution
- Have completed at least four courses in sociology prior to initiation (the equivalent of 12 semester hours)



GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Be officially admitted to graduate study in sociology at the host institution
- Completed the equivalent of one full semester or quarter of graduate study in sociology
- Graduate GPA of a B or better
- Continue matriculation in a program of study leading toward a graduate degree in sociology at the host institution



Chapters may apply additional criteria for both undergraduate and graduate students. Sociology faculty members and those employed as sociologists may be inducted through their institution.



University of Nebraska - Omaha

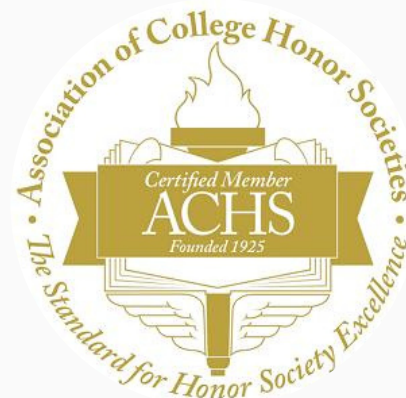
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International Sociology
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University of North Texas at Dallas

WHO WE ARE

PURPOSE

Alpha Kappa Delta seeks to acknowledge and promote excellence in scholarship in the study of sociology, the research of social problems, and such other social and intellectual activities as will lead to improvement in the human condition.

FOUNDATION

Alpha Kappa Delta was founded at the University of Southern California in 1920 by Dr. Emory S. Bogardus and became a certified member of the Association of College Honor Societies in 1967, which demonstrates our commitment to excellence and our value as a credible, nationally recognized honor society

Over 148,000 lifetime members are affiliated with AKD and we serve more than 700 chapters on campuses.

AKD CELEBRATED 100 YEARS!



1920-2020

Emporia State University



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Membership is for a **lifetime**
- Every new initiate receives a **certificate of membership** and a membership card
- Receive a free one-year online subscription to ***Sociological Inquiry***, the official journal of Alpha Kappa Delta
- AKD sponsors an annual undergraduate and graduate **student paper competition**. Winners receive a cash prize and travel money to participate in the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting.
 - Undergraduate students have the chance to participate in the ASA Honors Program
 - First place winners are considered to have their papers published in *Sociological Inquiry*
- AKD provides **travel grants** to its members to present at regional sociological meetings
- AKD hosts a virtual **Undergraduate Research Symposium**
- AKD hosts a monthly virtual **Graduate Student Lounge**
- Members may join AKD's **Mentorship Program**
- Members may wear an official AKD **honor cord** to their graduation ceremony if permitted by the institution
- The U.S. government accepts membership as one of the requirements for **entrance at the GS-7 level** instead of the GS-5 level for numerous professional and technical occupations
- Plus more!