School of Sustainability
Arizona State University

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Applying to the MA, MS, MS-GSS or PhD Programs

When Is the Application Deadline?

December 15, 2019 for Fall 2020 Enrollment

All materials, including letters and test scores, must be received by the deadline. **We recommend applicants submit the online application no later than November 15,** allowing their references a month to submit online recommendation letters by the December 15 deadline. No late or incomplete applications will be considered under any circumstances.

What Are the Basic Requirements?

A summary of the basic requirements can be found below, and additional details and instructions are available online at **https://sos.asu.edu/grad.**

GPA Equivalent to a 3.25 Average

GPA is calculated using the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate coursework. The committee may also consider an applicant's cumulative undergraduate or graduate GPA if it is higher than the junior/senior GPA. Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may request consideration by submitting a GPA Petition (details online).

U.S. Bachelor's Degree

Admission requires a U.S. bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from an international institution officially recognized by that country.

More details regarding requirements (including additional requirements for international applicants) are available at **https://admission.asu.edu/graduate/apply.**

What Needs to Be Submitted?

Application

Apply online at **https://admission.asu.edu/graduate/apply.**

$70 Application Fee for Domestic Applicants or $115 for International Applicants

Applications will not be reviewed until the fee has been submitted.

Transcripts

You must have one set of transcripts sent to ASU from every college and university from which you earned a bachelor's degree or higher. ASU accepts unofficial transcripts as part of the online application, but not transcripts that are emailed or sent in after the application is submitted. If you are admitted to ASU, you will be required to send official transcripts to the university. If you have attended ASU, your ASU transcript will import automatically to your completed application.

If sending by stamped mail:
Arizona State University
Graduate Admission Services
P.O. Box 871004
Tempe, AZ 85287-1004

If sending by FedEx, UPS or DHL:
Arizona State University
Graduate Admission Services
1150 East University Drive Building C, Room 226
Tempe, AZ 85281

English Proficiency Requirement

Applicants from a country where the native language is not English (regardless of current nation of residence) must provide proof of English proficiency. Applicants from an English-speaking country who earned a degree in a non-English speaking country may also be subject to the English proficiency requirement. More details can be found online at **https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.** Questions about the English proficiency requirement should be directed to the ASU Graduate College. Their contact information is listed at **https://admission.asu.edu/contact.**

General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Test Scores

Send official scores directly to ASU. Test scores must be received from the agency administering the test. For more information about the GRE, refer to **www.ets.org/gre**. ASU's institution code is 4007. Sustainability applicants may use department code 5199. The School of Sustainability does not set a minimum requirement for GRE scores, but the average verbal and quantitative scores for students currently enrolled in the program are in the 70th percentile.

Applicants who earned their bachelor's degree at least ten years ago (in 2009 or earlier) are automatically exempt from the GRE requirement. All applicants are still encouraged to take the GRE because strong scores can make an application more competitive. Waiver requests will be not be approved for any other reason.

Recommendations

A minimum of three recommendations are required. Applicants will enter the names and email addresses of recommenders in the online application. After that application is submitted, ASU will invite recommenders to complete an online form which includes short answer and ranking questions. Attaching a letter is optional. References should be from educators (preferred) or professionals familiar with the applicant's experience and capacity for graduate work. If possible, at least one recommendation should be from a faculty member.

References cannot submit letters until the online application is complete. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application by **November 15** to give their references a month to submit recommendations by the final **December 15** deadline.

Statement of Intent

All applicants must upload a statement of intent when completing the online application. In no more than 600 words, applicants are expected to elaborate on key research questions they wish to address or problems they wish to solve as part of their program of study. Applicants should identify potential faculty advisors and additional resources in the School of Sustainability and discuss how those resources will enable them to achieve their goals. Finally, applicants should explain how their backgrounds will contribute to their success in the program and how completion of the degree will support their long-term career aspirations.

Résumé or CV

Applicants must attach their résumé or curriculum vita to their application.

Additional Information and Questions

For additional information, please visit **https://sos.asu.edu/grad** or email **SOSGradSunDevil@asu.edu.**

Note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to view faculty bios online at **https://sos.asu.edu/faculty** and if possible, consult faculty in the School of Sustainability before applying to make sure their areas of interest are supported in the program. Applicants are also encouraged to read about current sustainability research projects at **https://sustainability.asu.edu/research** to understand more about the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability and possible research opportunities.

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