

Applying to the MA, MS, or PhD Programs

When is the Application Deadline?

December 15, 2016 for Fall 2017 Enrollment

All materials, including letters and test scores, must be received by the deadline. **We recommend applicants submit the 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 circumstance.

What Are the Basic Requirements?

Below is a summary of the basic requirements, but additional details and instructions can be found 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. If graduate coursework is higher than undergraduate coursework, this will be taken into consideration. Students not meeting the minimum GPA requirement may still be considered, although the School will require a GPA petition.

US Bachelor's Degree

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

More details regarding requirements (including additional requirements for international applications) are available at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/standards>.

What Needs to Be Submitted?

Application

Apply online at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/apply>.

\$70 Application Fee for Domestic Applicants or \$90 for International Applicants

Applications submitted without the fee will not be reviewed.

Official Transcripts

Unofficial copies will not be accepted. Send transcripts from every university or college you have attended to ASU Graduate Admissions (ASU transcripts do not need to be sent). Official transcripts are normally sent from the issuing institutions in sealed envelopes, stamped/attested and verified by the issuing institutions.

US Mail:

Arizona State University
Graduate Admission Services
P.O. Box 871003
Tempe, AZ 85287-1003

FedEx, DHL, or UPS:

Graduate Admission Services
Arizona State University
1151 S. Forest Avenue, #SSV112
Tempe, AZ 85287-0112

English Proficiency Requirement

If you are from a country whose native language is not English (regardless of where you may now reside), you must provide proof of English proficiency. Your application will not be processed without valid proof of English proficiency. If you are from an English-speaking country but earned a degree in a non-English speaking country, then you may be subject to the English proficiency requirement, which can be found online at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency>. Questions about the English proficiency should be directed to ASU Graduate Admissions. Their contact info is listed at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/contact>.

General Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Test Scores

Have the official scores sent directly to ASU. Test scores must be received directly from the agency administering the test. For more information on the GREs: (www.ets.org/gre). ASU's institution code is 4007, department code 5199. Although the School does not set a minimum requirement for GRE scores, the average verbal and quantitative scores for students currently in the program are in the 70th percentile.

Recommendations

A minimum of three (3) recommendations are required. Email addresses for the recommenders will be requested in the online application. Recommenders will be contacted by ASU and provided short answer and ranking questions via email. References should be from educators (preferred) or professionals familiar with the student's experience and capability for graduate work. It is suggested that the recommendations are academic in nature and address the applicant's experience and potential for success in a graduate program. If possible, at least one recommendation should be academic in nature. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application by November 15, allowing their references a month to submit online recommendation letters by the final December 15 deadline. References cannot submit letters until the application is submitted.

Statement of Intent

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

Resume or CV

Applicants must attach their resume 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: It is strongly recommended that applicants view faculty bios (<https://sos.asu.edu/faculty>) and if possible, consult faculty in the School of Sustainability before they apply to make sure their areas of interest are supported in the program. Applicants are also encouraged to read about current sustainability research projects (<https://sustainability.asu.edu/research>) to understand more about the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability and possible research opportunities.

