

Applying to the MSL Program

When Is the Application Deadline?

August 1 for Fall Enrollment – December 15 for Spring Enrollment

All materials, including transcripts, must be received by the deadline. **We recommend applicants submit the online application at least one month prior to the deadline to allow sufficient processing time for materials.**

What Are the Basic Requirements?

A summary of the basic requirements can be found below. Additional details and instructions are available online at <https://schoolofsustainability.asu.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions>.

GPA Equivalent to a 3.00 Average

The MSL requires the equivalent of a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate work. Because this program is for professionals, work and life experience may be given greater weight than undergraduate GPA or other aspects of the undergraduate experience. Applicants whose GPA is below 3.0 may be admitted with provisional status.

US Bachelor's Degree

Admission requires a US bachelor's degree 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 applicants) are available at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/standards>.

Three Years of Professional Experience

The program is designed for active professionals who have 3 or more years of professional/organizational experience or the equivalent. Applicants will be asked to provide their current employer's name, address, and phone, and their job title, industry category, and years/months of experience. Experience does not need to be in the field of sustainability. Providing salary information is optional.

What Needs to Be Submitted?

Application

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

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

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

Resume or CV

Applicants must attach their resume or curriculum vita to the application.

Statement of Intent

All applicants must upload a statement of intent when completing the online application. In approximately 300 words per question, applicants are asked to address the following prompts:

1. Sustainability explores ways to improve human well-being globally without threatening earth's life supporting systems. In your own words, explain why sustainability is important to you.
2. The Master of Sustainability Leadership is designed to prepare decision-makers for the challenges ahead. Describe a time in which you demonstrated leadership to enact positive change.
3. How do you plan to apply the lessons you learn from this degree in the short-term and long-term?
4. How have you prepared to manage and accommodate family/work/school life balance while completing this program in two years?

Official Transcripts

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 870112
Tempe, AZ 85287-0112

FedEx, DHL, or UPS:

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

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 may be found online at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/proficiency>. Questions about the English proficiency should be directed to the ASU Graduate College. Their contact info is listed at <https://students.asu.edu/graduate/contact>.

Additional Information and Questions

For additional information, please visit <http://sos.asu.edu/apply-msl> or email SOSGradSunDevil@asu.edu.

