

Applying to the Master of Sustainability Leadership (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://sos.asu.edu/grad>.

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.

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://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>.

Application fee

There is a \$70 application fee for domestic applicants or \$115 for international applicants. Applications will not be reviewed until the fee has been submitted and all required materials have been received.

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 300-500 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?

Transcripts

You must have one set of transcripts sent to ASU from every college or university where 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 attended ASU, your ASU transcript will import automatically to your completed application. For more information, including how to send transcripts and additional information about international transcripts, visit <https://admission.asu.edu/transcripts>.

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://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency>. The program requires a TOEFL iBT score of 100 or greater OR 80% or greater in ASU Global Launch's English for Graduate Admissions course (preferred).

Additional information and questions

For additional information, please visit <https://sos.asu.edu/grad>. Questions can be directed to an Advisor at 1-877-326-6744 or gradenrollment@asuonline.asu.edu.

