Applying to the MSUS Program

When is the application deadline?

December 15, 2020 for fall 2021 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 is listed below and additional details and instructions are available online at https://sos.asu.edu/grad.

GPA equivalent to a 3.00 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:	**If sending by FedEx, UPS or DHL:**
Arizona State University	Arizona State University
Graduate Admission Services	Graduate Admission Services
P.O. Box 871004	1150 East University Drive Building C, Room 226
Tempe, AZ 85287-1004	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 may 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

Due to the difficulty of scheduling exams like the GRE during the current pandemic, GRE scores will not be required for admission for fall 2021.

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 that 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.

Recommenders will be asked to assess an applicant's writing ability and presentation, reasoning and analysis, and mathematics and statistics skills. They will also be asked about overall intellectual ability, academic preparation, ability to conduct research independently and in groups, and experience working in an interdisciplinary and solutions-oriented environment.

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

Applicants must respond to two questions when completing the online application. In the statement of intent, applicants should identify key resources in the School of Sustainability, discuss how those resources will enable them to achieve their goals, explain how their background will contribute to success in the program, and clarify how completion of the degree will support their long-term aspirations. Applicants will also be asked to identify a key sustainability issue they wish to address or problem they wish to solve as part of their program of study and explain why it is essential to address that question or issue.

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.

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