APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE
SIUC SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Apply online to the Graduate School at: http://gradschool.siu.edu/applygrad/

All prospective students must complete the Graduate School application process before
their application can be considered by the School of Communication Studies.

A one-time non-refundable $65 application fee is required. Applications missing the
required fee will not be considered.

School Deadline:
The school deadline for applications is January 1. Late applications will not be
considered. We admit only for the fall semester.

School code for test scores (GRE, TOEFL) - 4506 School Requirements:

Three letters of recommendations are required. Please follow the guidelines on the
Graduate School application page to insure that your letter writers can comply with your
request for a recommendation. Ideally, the letters of recommendation will be from
individuals who can speak to your academic abilities.

A Statement of Purpose is requested. This is a short document (1-3 pages) that
outlines why you want to pursue a graduate degree and what you hope to accomplish
during your time at SIU, should you be admitted.

The GRE is optional. The School of Communication Studies no longer requires GRE
scores for admittance. However, if you wish to be considered for nomination for
potential graduate school fellowships, you may want to share your GRE scores for that
purpose. More information on graduate school fellowships can be found here:

https://gradschool.siu.edu/cost-aid/fellowships/

Official transcripts from each college and university attended should be uploaded
directly to the online application system. Most delays in admissions are caused by
the applicant’s failure to have registrars from each college and university send
original transcripts.

A writing sample is optional. Although the Graduate School application page allows you
to upload a writing sample, the school prefers receiving all writing samples through snail
mail. Please do not send material longer than 30 pages.

International students must have a TOEFL score of 600 (paper based), 250 (computer
based) or 100 (internet based). The minimum required score for the IELTS is 7. Test
scores must not be older than 2 years. International students should also provide a
Financial Statement as outlined on the Graduate School application page.
Application Checklist:
____ Graduate School application
____ Application fee
____ Statement of Purpose
____ Letters of recommendation (3)
____ GRE (optional)
____ Official transcripts (sent directly to the school)
____ Writing sample (optional, sent directly to the school)  ____ TOEFL/IELTS
   (International students only)
____ Financial Statement (International students only)

All correspondence should be sent to:

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Note: Doctoral applicants interested in a Theater focus, please see:
http://cola.siu.edu/theater/graduate/graduate-degree/index.php). Contact Dr. Jacob
Juntunen for questions and information (jjuntunen@siu.edu).