

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)

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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).