

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN THE DEPARTMENT 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 department.

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

Departmental Deadline:

The departmental deadline for applications is **January 15**. Late applications will not be considered. We admit only for the fall semester.

Dept. code for test scores (GRE, TOEFL) - 4506

Departmental 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.

The GRE is required. The department, however, does not have a minimal score that must be achieved. The verbal and analytical scores are of particular importance.

Official transcripts from each college and university attended must be sent directly to the department. **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 department 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
- Letters of recommendation (3)
- GRE
- Official transcripts (sent directly to the department)
- Writing sample (optional, sent directly to the department)
- 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>).

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