

Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the School of Continuing Studies at Georgetown. We welcome applications from qualified candidates who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

International candidates with the equivalent of an American bachelor's degree are also encouraged to apply. Please review the steps below and the tabs across the top of the page for more information.

Required Documents for Degree Seeking Applicant:

A personal statement of 140-characters with a link to your personal portfolio (web site, LinkedIn profile)

At least two recommendations must be displayed on your web site or LinkedIn profile

Resume or CV (Master of Professional Studies applicants only) must be displayed prominently on site/profile

A \$50 application fee (waived if application completed before May 1)

Must be submitted through Georgetown University Online Portal:

For Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Applicants: 2 Essays

Write an essay (about 3 pages typewritten, and double-spaced) in which you describe what you have been doing since you were last a full-time student. Please be sure to describe two personal or professional achievements in your life and explain why you wish to pursue a degree in Liberal Studies.

Using a book of your choice, write an essay (about 5 pages typewritten, double-spaced) in which you describe the author's central argument, proposal, or theme. Please be sure to describe how this is developed in the book as well as any conclusions you may have reached.

Official Transcripts

Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions previously attended should be mailed to the School of Continuing Studies Admissions Office. Please note: All U.S. institutions must be accredited through one of the bodies officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>). All foreign transcripts from outside of the United States must be accompanied by an official translation and completed evaluation by either the World Education Services (wes.org) or the Educational Credential Evaluators (ece.org). In most cases, a minimum GPA of 3.00 (solid "B" average) or higher is required to be considered for full admission into one of our graduate-level programs.

English Proficiency

Graduate coursework at Georgetown University is reading-and-writing intensive and requires superlative command of written and spoken English. All applicants (regardless of citizenship) whose first language is not English are required to complete the TOEFL with minimum scores of 600 (paper-based test), 250 (computer-based test), or 100 (iBT) or the IELTS with a score of 7.5 or higher. Please note: These standards cannot be waived. Students should plan well in advance to complete the necessary tests and allow time for the Admissions Office (institution code 5986) to receive the results.

For International Applicants only

Official WES (wes.org) or ECE (ece.org) evaluations of all transcripts from outside the United States. TOEFL or IELTS scores. English can only be considered the native language if it is the only official language of the applicant's home country and the primary language spoken in the applicant's home. Please note: These requirements cannot be waived. International applicants should plan well in advance to secure all required documents for the Admissions Office (institution code 5986). International students are also required to complete the International Student Immigration Questionnaire. Please see the section "For International Students" for more information.



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