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Department of Human and Community Development University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Graduate Program Application Process

Application Deadline: January 15 for enrollment in the following Fall.

Who should apply?

Students with strong backgrounds in behavioral or social sciences, family and consumer sciences, education, or communications are encouraged to apply. The minimum grade-point average for admission is 3.0 (A = 4.0). As a guideline, GRE scores should be above 500 for Master's applicants and above 550 for Ph.D. applicants (4.0 and 4.5 for GRE Analytical Writing), though the Admissions Committee may admit candidates below these scores if the student demonstrates compelling strengths in other areas. GRE scores should be no more than 2 years old at the time of the application. International applicants from non-English-speaking countries must have official TOEFL scores of at least 575 (written version) or 233 (computer-based version) to be eligible for admission.

Applicants must have an advanced undergraduate course in statistics that includes descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, probability, correlation, ANOVA or regression. This requirement may be waived under special circumstances. However, if admitted, students who do not have this background will be expected to complete a statistics course in their first year.

Dual degree program in Marital and Family Services (M.S./M.S.W.).

Students interested in the Dual degree program in Marital and Family Services (M.S./M.S.W.) must complete the School of Social Work application <http://www.social.uiuc.edu/HTM/mswai.htm> and indicate an interest in the Dual degree program.

Off-campus Master's degree program in Agricultural Education.

Students applying for the off-campus Master's degree program in Agricultural Education do not have to take the GRE.

Frequently Asked Questions about Graduate School

If you are interested in frequently asked questions about selecting graduate schools, applying for graduate school, and financial aid see "Applying to Graduate School in Human Development & Family Studies--Frequently Asked Questions" <http://www.hcd.uiuc.edu/grad/applying.html> or "Applying to Graduate School in Agricultural Education-- Frequently Asked Questions." <http://www.hcd.uiuc.edu/grad/applied.html>

How do I apply?

The graduate application process begins with the completion of an online application form. Instructions and further information on applying are available at the Graduate College. <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/apply/program.htm>

If you are ready to apply, go to the application form <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uiuc-grad>

What is the deadline?

All applications for fall enrollment are due by January 15.

How do I apply for financial aid?

All students who apply to our program are automatically considered for financial aid. There are no separate forms or procedures to complete to be considered for financial aid.

Where do I send my application?

The application process requires you to send Part 1 of the Application, and the fee, to the Office of Admissions and Records. (You can do this online.) Part II and the supplemental materials can be submitted online or sent directly to the Department of Human and Community Development at the address given below.

What steps are involved in applying to graduate school at the University of Illinois in the Department of Human and Community Development?

Complete all five steps listed below. Incomplete applications will not be considered for admission.

Step 1. Complete Part 1 of the Application in one of two ways:

Online: Go to <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uiuc-grad> to complete Part 1 of the Application and submit the fee by credit card.

By mail: Go to <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=uiuc-grad> , download, print, and mail Part 1 of the Application and fee to:

Office of Admissions and Records
901 West Illinois Street
Urbana, Illinois, 61801-3028

Step 2. Complete online or print the supplemental application forms listed below to the Department of Human and Community Development.

- a. Application, Part 2
- b. Letter of Recommendation Form (Your references should send these directly.)
- c. Declaration and Certification of Finances Form and supporting bank statements (for International applicants only)

Step 3. Transcripts and educational credentials should be mailed directly to the Department of Human and Community Development. Please see the Transcripts/Educational Credentials http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/prospective/grad/applygr_transcripts.html section for important information regarding this requirement.

Step 4. The Department of Human and Community Development also asks you to provide additional information about your professional interests and career goals. Print and complete the HCD Grad Application form.

<http://www.hcd.uiuc.edu/grad/documents/HCDGradApplication.doc>

A copy of this form is attached to the end of these instructions.

Send all materials listed in Steps 2a, 2b, 2c (if applicable), 3, and 4 to this address:

Graduate Program Secretary
Department of Human and Community Development
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
905 S. Goodwin Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801

Step 5. Contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) (<http://www.ets.org>) to send official test scores to the University of Illinois. Our institution code is 1836 and program office code is 00.

Is there an application fee?

Yes, there is a non-refundable application fee. The amount of the fee is determined by your citizenship and/or visa. Generally, the fee is \$50.00 for domestic students and \$60.00 for international students, but here are more precise instructions about qualifications for these rates and fee waiver instructions.

Who can I contact about this program?

The Graduate Program Secretary can be reached at the following address, telephone number and email address:

Graduate Program Secretary
Department of Human and Community Development
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
905 S. Goodwin Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801
Phone: (217) 333-3869
E-mail: ltopol@uiuc.edu

You can also contact the Graduate Program Director, Dr. Ramona Oswald at 217-333-2547 or by email at roswald@uiuc.edu .

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FORM**

This form must be completed and returned with your application.

NAME (please type or print): _____

STATISTICS REQUIREMENT:

A requirement for admissions is an advanced (junior or senior level) course in statistics. All students must show evidence that they have completed an upper division undergraduate statistics course that includes a background in descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, probability, correlation, analysis of variance and regression. Students who are missing more than one of these topics must take a course to fulfill this deficiency. *It is recommended that this deficiency be completed before entering the HCD graduate program.*

For the course that you believe fulfills the statistics requirement, please indicate the course number, title, and the grade you received.

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Course Number	Title	Grade

ENTERING WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE:

Did your Master's degree require you to complete a research thesis?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, provide: _____
Title

Thesis Advisor

STATEMENT OF INTEREST (300-500 words)

Please add a statement about your research interests and professional goals. If you are interested in working with particular faculty in our department, please indicate the name of the faculty member with whom you are interested in working and explain your interests. Our website has a brief summary of faculty interests and their publications:

<http://www.hcd.uiuc.edu/>.

Please mail this form and your statement of interest to: Graduate Program Secretary,
Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, 905 S. Goodwin Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801.