

COLLEGE of ARTS & SCIENCES

Graduate Admissions Requirements Chart

for the Spring 2009, Summer 2009, and Fall 2009 terms

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all programs require: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; **3.0 GPA** in last 60 hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate work; **scores from the GRE General Aptitude test; two recommendation letters;** and for international students whose first language is not English, a **TOEFL score** of 600 paper/250 computer/100 IBT or an IELTS score of 7. Application **deadline** for merit awards & fellowships is **February 1**, unless otherwise noted.

Area of Study	Degree	Send Sample Work with Application	GRE Aptitude Exam Required	January 15 Deadline for Fellowship	Special Provisions, Application Deadlines, and Requirements
Anthropology	PhD	x	x	x <i>earlier submission preferred</i>	Interview recommended. 3 letters of recommendation required. Personal statement must explain how your interests in anthropology overlap with PhD program mission statement and department topical/area strengths.
Public Anthropology	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x	x <i>earlier submission preferred</i>	Interview recommended. Personal statement must explain how your interests in anthropology overlap with MA program mission statement and department topical/area strengths.
Public Anthropology	Certificate				Contact Anthropology department's graduate program director for admissions requirements
Art					
Art History	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x	x	Send writing sample directly to Art Department.
Studio Art	Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	x		x	Portfolio Required, send directly to Art Department.
Arts Management	Master of Arts (MA)		x	x <i>earlier submission preferred</i>	Fall admission, January 15 deadline. No set minimums on GRE. Interview recommended. Undergraduate prerequisites or equivalent experience.
Arts Management	Certificate				
Asian Studies	Certificate				Interdisciplinary certificate through the AU Center for Asian Studies. Contact Dr. Quansheng Zhao (quzhao@american.edu) for program information.
Biology	Master of Arts (MA)		x		Fellowship funding decisions begin on March 1; all other applications accepted on a rolling basis.
Biology	Master of Science (MS)		x		Fellowship funding decisions begin on March 1; all other applications accepted on a rolling basis.
Biology: Biotechnology	Master of Science in Applied Science (MSAS)		x		Appropriate undergraduate science courses or significant practical background.
Chemistry	Master of Science (MS)		x		

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Computer Science	Master of Science (MS)		x		An adequate undergraduate preparation required.
	Certificate				
Computer Science: Applied Computing	Master of Science in Applied Science (MSAS)		x		Appropriate undergraduate science courses or significant practical background.
Creative Writing	Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	x			February 1 deadline for merit awards consideration. Send writing sample: 30 pgs fiction/nonfiction or 15 pgs poetry. Background in literature is helpful.
Economics	PhD		x	x	Fall admission preferred.
Applied Microeconomics	Certificate				
Economics	Master of Arts (MA)		x		February 1 priority deadline for Fall admission.
International Economic Relations	Certificate				
Education					
All grant and contract programs (<i>TOPS, Teach for America, AQUE, DC Teaching Fellows, etc.</i>)	Certificate, Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)		<i>see program advisor</i>		Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam and content area of Praxis II exam; 2 or more recommendation letters.
International Training and Education	Master of Arts (MA)		x		Preference given to applicants with at least 6 months of international or intercultural experience.
Curriculum and Instruction	Master of Education (MEd)		x		Preference given to applicants with prior teaching experience
Curriculum and Instruction	Certificate				Preference given to applicants with prior teaching experience
Nutrition Education	Certificate				
Special Education: Learning Disabilities	Master of Arts (MA)		x		Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.
Teaching: Early Childhood	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)		x		Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.
Teaching: Early Childhood	Certificate				Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.
Teaching: Elementary Education	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)		x		Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.
Teaching: Elementary Education	Certificate				Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.

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Teaching: English for Speakers of Other Languages	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)		x		Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters. Leads to K-12 teaching licensure in District of Columbia. Also see Master of Arts in TESOL on page 5 of this chart.
Teaching: English for Speakers of Other Languages	Certificate				Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters. Leads to K-12 teaching licensure in District of Columbia. Also see Master of Arts in TESOL on page 5 of this chart.
Teaching: International Peace and Conflict Resolution / Secondary Education	Master of Arts / Master of Arts in Teaching (MA/MAT Dual Degree)		x		Joint degree program between College of Arts and Sciences & School of International Service; applicants must apply to both schools. Undergraduate GPA of 3.30 required. 24 credits of coursework in social sciences / international service required. Praxis I scores required.
Teaching: Secondary Education	Certificate				Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.
Teaching: Secondary Education	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)		x		Passing scores by DC standards on the Praxis I exam, two or more recommendation letters.
Environmental Science	Master of Science (MS)		x		One year of calculus & one year of laboratory science required. One semester of economics recommended.
Environmental Assessment	Certificate				Prerequisite courses: statistics, organic chemistry, and calculus
Environmental Science and Assessment	Master of Science in Applied Science (MSAS)		x		Appropriate undergraduate science courses or significant practical background.
French					
Translation: French	Certificate				Bachelor's degree in French, or Bachelor's degree plus equivalent knowledge and proficiency in French
Health Promotion Management	Master of Science (MS)		x		Undergraduate prerequisites, supplemental application required (available for download on Graduate Admissions' website). Interview recommended.
History	PhD	x	x	x	Master's degree (MA) normally required, but outstanding BA students may apply directly to PhD program. Writing sample of 10 to 30 pages required, please include in your application packet.
History	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x	x	Writing sample of 10 to 30 pages strongly recommended. Please include sample in your application packet.
Literature	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x		Writing sample required. February 1 deadline for merit awards.
Mathematics	Master of Arts (MA)		x		Fall admission preferred.

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North American Studies	Certificate				Interdisciplinary certificate through the AU Center for North American Studies. Contact Dr. David Stemper (stemper@american.edu) for program information.
Philosophy	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x		Two tracks: History of Philosophy or Philosophy and Social Policy. Identify track in Statement of Purpose. Writing sample is required.
Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x		Writing sample is required. Minimum 500 score on the GRE verbal.
Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Certificate	Certificate				Completed online application. All official transcripts. \$50 application fee
Professional Science Master's					
Applied Computing	Master of Science in Applied Science (MSAS)		x		Appropriate undergraduate science courses or significant practical background.
Biotechnology	Master of Science in Applied Science (MSAS)		x		Appropriate undergraduate science courses or significant practical background.
Environmental Science and Assessment	Master of Science in Applied Science (MSAS)		x		Appropriate undergraduate science courses or significant practical background.
Psychology					
Behavior, Cognition & Neuroscience	PhD		x	<i>earlier submission preferred</i>	January 1 application deadline. Fall admission only. For program information, see http://www.american.edu/academic.depts/cas/psych/bcan . For other questions contact Dr. Anthony Riley at alriley@american.edu .
Clinical Psychology	PhD		x	<i>earlier submission preferred</i>	January 1 application deadline. Fall admission only. For program information, see http://www.american.edu/cas/psych/clinicalprog.html . For other questions, contact Dr. Carol Weissbrod at cweissb@american.edu
Experimental/Biological	Master of Arts (MA)		x		March 1 application deadline. Fall admission only. For program information, see http://www.american.edu/cas/psych/mastersprog.html . For other questions, contact the Department of Psychology at psychology@american.edu
General Psychology	Master of Arts (MA)		x		March 1 application deadline. Fall admission only. For program information, see http://www.american.edu/cas/psych/mastersprog.html . For other questions, contact the Department of Psychology at psychology@american.edu
Personality/Social	Master of Arts (MA)		x		March 1 application deadline. Fall admission only. For program information, see http://www.american.edu/cas/psych/mastersprog.html . For other questions, contact the Department of Psychology at psychology@american.edu
Russian					
Translation: Russian	Certificate				Bachelor's degree in Russian, or Bachelor's degree plus equivalent knowledge and proficiency in Russian

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Sociology	Master of Arts (MA)		x		February 1 deadline for merit awards consideration. All other applications accepted on a rolling basis
Social Research	Certificate				
Spanish and Latin American Studies	Master of Arts (MA)	x	x		Bachelor's degree in Spanish or Bachelor's degree plus equivalent knowledge and proficiency in Spanish, writing sample in Spanish (5 to 10 pgs). Statement of Purpose in English. 3.2 undergraduate GPA.
Translation: Spanish	Certificate				Bachelor's degree in Spanish, or Bachelor's degree plus equivalent knowledge and proficiency in Spanish
Statistics					
Applied Statistics	Certificate				
Statistics	Master of Science (MS)		x		Fall admission preferred.
TESOL	Master of Arts (MA)		x		February 1 deadline for merit awards consideration. Background in a second language is recommended. Also see Master of Arts in Teaching: English for Speakers of Other Languages on page 3 of this chart.
TESOL Certificate	Certificate				February 1 deadline for merit awards consideration. Background in a second language is recommended. Also see Certificate in Teaching: English for Speakers of Other Languages on page 3 of this chart.

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