MASTER OF ARTS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Minimum Requirements for Acceptance into the MA Program:

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited undergraduate institution
- GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale
- Grade of B or better on an advanced modern language course (other than English) beyond the standard two-year college language learning sequence, or the equivalent score on a language placement exam
- For students who completed their undergraduate degree in a language other than English, a minimum TOEFL reading score of 22, writing score of 24, other section scores of 17 and total score of 80 or higher is required.

A complete application for the International Studies Master’s Program includes the following:

1. Application Form - online at https://wa.is.depaul.edu/AdmissionApp

2. Application Fee of $40.00 US Dollars -- submitted online with application, or mailed as check or money order (payable to DePaul University) to the Office of Graduate Admission (see address below)

3. An official transcript from each institution you have attended, showing successful completion of a Bachelor’s Degree with at least a 3.2 GPA

4. Two letters of recommendation on letterhead
   The most useful letters are those written by your professors, preferably from a class related to international studies. In any case, recommenders should address your:
   • writing abilities,
   • analytical skills,
   • motivation and readiness for graduate study,
   • ability to do independent work, and
   • ability to see a project through to completion.

5. Statement of Purpose (3-5 pages, double spaced) that describes the following: how this program will further your academic and professional goals, DePaul faculty you would like to work with, your primary research interests, and a thesis topic you would like to pursue. Your proposed thesis topic and associated research interests should be explained in as much detail as possible. Our selection committee takes the statement of purpose seriously and will look for evidence that you are prepared for a rigorous thesis-driven program.

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6. Writing Sample
Submit an analytical paper of 5-8 pages. Papers should demonstrate your research, writing and critical thinking abilities, ideally in a subject area related to international studies.

7. GRE Scores (if undergraduate GPA is less than 3.5)
GRE scores are required for applicants with an undergraduate GPA of less than 3.5 (out of 4.0). However, low GRE scores will not automatically disqualify applicants who demonstrate their strengths in other areas of the application. Applicants with a GPA of 3.5 or above are not required to submit GRE scores.

International Students only:

8. Credential Evaluation. Students with undergraduate degrees earned outside the United States should submit official educational credentials and evaluation fee to one of the following companies:

One Earth International Credential Evaluation
Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE)
Educational Perspectives (EP)

Contact the Graduate Admission office at 773/325-7315 for more information regarding this requirement or see the following website:
http://las.depaul.edu/ProspectiveStudents/Graduate/InternationalAdmission.asp

International students in need of assistance with matters related to maintenance of visa status, employment authorization requests, travel and re-entry into the U.S. from abroad, and lawful transfer into DePaul University from another U.S. educational institution, should contact the:

DePaul University Office for International Students and Scholars
1 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 9300,
Chicago, IL 60604
Phone 312/362-8376
http://oiss.depaul.edu/

It is very important that you send in a complete application package. All documents can be emailed to graddepaul@depaul.edu or mailed to:

DePaul University
Office of Graduate Admission
College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
2400 N Sheffield Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60614