



## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

### Master of Liberal Studies Program

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Within the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development, Southern Methodist University's Master of Liberal Studies program (MLS) accepts and reviews applications throughout the year on a rolling basis for Summer, Fall and Spring semesters. All applications must be received by May 15 for Summer admission, July 1 for Fall admission, and December 15 for Spring admission.

**Criteria for Admission:** SMU strives to enroll motivated and enthusiastic students prepared and interested in rigorous graduate education. All applicants must have a bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an accredited college or university. Our most successful applicants typically have a GPA of about 2.7 - 3.5 from their undergraduate institution; however, every aspect of the application is carefully reviewed and considered for the experience and contribution of each individual.

**How to Apply:** To apply for admission to the Master of Liberal Studies program, you must submit the following for consideration:

- The Application (downloadable from website as well: [www.smu.edu/mls/admission.asp](http://www.smu.edu/mls/admission.asp))
- Official "sealed" transcripts from all the colleges and universities you attended.
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - Academic (at least one academic reference is preferred)
  - Professional (supervisor or administrator) – if an academic reference is unavailable, two professional letters of recommendation may be submitted
- A personal interview is recommended but not required.
- MLS Essay: a 3-page critical response to an article provided by the Office of Graduate Liberal Studies, or a book of your choice (includes a summary of the author's intent, development of theme, and your reaction to it).
- Fee: \$75 (checks may be made payable to Southern Methodist University)
- The GRE (Graduate Record Examination) is **not** required.

**Submitting Your Application:** Please download the application form, complete and mail it via postal mail to the following address:

Southern Methodist University  
Master of Liberal Studies  
P.O. Box 750253  
Dallas, TX 75275-0253

You may also submit your application by scanning it and emailing it to [mls@smu.edu](mailto:mls@smu.edu).

**Have transcripts and letters of recommendation sent to the MLS Office listed above.**

**Send the MLS Essay to:** The MLS Offices listed above or via email to: [mls@smu.edu](mailto:mls@smu.edu)

*In order to review your application, we must have received in our office, all official transcripts, letters of recommendation, and the MLS Essay. Please contact the MLS Office to schedule an interview (not required). We review completed applications on a rolling basis throughout the year.*



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Biographical Information

Name: Last First Middle Maiden

Home Address: Street and Number Apt. City State Zip

Business Address: Street and Number Apt. City State Zip

Employer and Business Address: Company Name Position

County State Zip

Home Phone: Business Phone:

Email Address(es):

Date of Birth: Gender: Social Security Number:

Place of Birth:

Have you ever applied for admission to S.M.U?

If yes, please provide the year and semester

S.M.U ID number if you attended previously or if you are employed by SMU:

Application Term: (circle one) Fall / Spring / Summer Year:

Are you a US Citizen? If "no," what is your visa status?

\*For Non U.S. Citizen Only: If you are a Permanent Resident, please state your alien card identification:

Prominent Ethnic Background: The information you provide will be used in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with applicable civil rights laws, solely for required reporting under federal and/or state laws.

- Please check the number that applies to you: 01 American Indian or Alaska Native 02 Asian or Pacific Islander 03 Black, non-Hispanic 04 Hispanic or Mexican-American 05 White, non-Hispanic 06 Foreign Student, Temporary Visa 07 Foreign Student, Refugee Status 08 Unspecified or Other



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**Education**

List in chronological order all colleges and universities attended:

*Undergraduate*

Institution	Major	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Year Granted
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Institution	Major	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Year Granted
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*Graduate*

Institution	Major	Dates of Attendance	Degree/Year Granted
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**References**

List below the names and addresses of the two referees you have asked to write letters of recommendation for you. Please include email addresses if available.

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Name

Address	Phone Number	Email Address
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Address	Phone Number	Email Address
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If you have ever been dismissed or suspended from, or denied readmission to any school, please state particulars.

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**Criminal History**

Are you currently under indictment for any crime? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or received deferred adjudication for any felony, state jail felony, or Class A misdemeanor? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received or are you currently on probation? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*(Disclosure in the affirmative with respect to criminal-history questions will not necessarily result in rejection of an applicant for admission. Failure to disclose such a record, if it exists, and to explain that record honestly, however, will subject a student to the University's judicial process and may result in dismissal from the University. Failure to provide an explanation in an affirmative response to this question will halt the review of your application.)*

**Short Answer Questions:**

1. Describe your background and how you might contribute to the SMU classroom and community.

2. Describe an intellectual interest you have developed.

**MLS Essay:** a 3-page critical response to an article provided by the MLS Office, or a book of your choice (includes a summary of the author's intent, development of theme, and your reaction to it).

How did you hear about the MLS program? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please sign below to indicate that all the information you have included in your application is complete, accurate, and honestly presented.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_