



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 1 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.

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)
- 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 required.
- Two Essays:
 1. Using a book of your choice, write an essay (about 3-5 pages type written, double-spaced) in which you could 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.
 2. Write a short essay (about 3 pages type written, 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.
- Fee: \$75 (checks or money orders may be made payable to Southern Methodist University). Credit card payments cannot be accepted.
- The GRE (Graduate Record Examination) is **not** required, but applicants are welcome to submit their scores if they feel the scores would add to the strength of their application.

Submitting Your Application: Individual application materials may arrive under separate cover. Please submit the completed application 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.

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: Cell 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 05 White, non-Hispanic
02 Asian or Pacific Islander 06 Foreign Student, Temporary Visa
03 Black, non-Hispanic 07 Foreign Student, Refugee Status
04 Hispanic or Mexican-American 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.

Name

Address	Phone Number	Email Address
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Name

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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.)

How did you hear about the MLS program? _____

Please sign below to indicate that all the information you have included in your application is complete, accurate, and honestly presented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____