

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Apply to Graduate School at UA Little Rock

Go to the following link - <http://ualr.edu/gradschool/graduate-application/>

Send the following to UA Little Rock Graduate School:

1. Official transcripts from ALL previously attended colleges and universities sent directly to the graduate school by the degree granting university in a sealed envelope.
2. \$40 application fee
3. A copy of your government-issued photo ID
4. Proof of 2 MMR vaccines (required for any students who take on-campus classes)

Send to Applied Communication Department graduate coordinator:

1. 300-500 word professional statement indicating your goals and fit with this program.
2. Two writing samples from previous coursework or professional writing samples showing potential for graduate work. If academic or professional samples are not available, the graduate program coordinator will provide writing prompts to guide in developing samples.
3. A list of three academic and/or professional references with contact information (do not have letters sent).
4. Resume or curriculum vitae.

Important facts:

1. International students must have their transcripts articulated. Transcripts that have not been articulated can be submitted for the application process; however, before registering for classes, the transcript must be articulated and submitted to the Graduate School.
2. Applicants are reviewed and offered admission based on qualifications for admission in light of the number of available slots in the program.
3. Admission decisions are based on two categories: **regular or conditional**, outlined below.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Regular Admission Criteria:

Students seeking admission for "regular status" must meet all of the following criteria:

1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution with substantially the same undergraduate program requirements as at UALR (typically at least 120 hours or the equivalent of a 4-year baccalaureate degree).
2. A 2.70 cumulative GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 undergraduate hours (including post-baccalaureate hours) **OR** a 3.0 GPA or higher in at least 9 hours of relevant graduate coursework from a regionally accredited, domestic institution or an international institution recognized by the International Association of Universities.
3. Writing samples must receive a 2.5 on a 3.0 rating scale demonstrating readiness for graduate level work by the graduate faculty selection committee (see Appendix A)

4. Good fit for our program based on professional statement, resume or curriculum vitae, and references.

Important facts for regular admission status:

1. An unofficial transcript for preliminary review should be sent to the graduate coordinator (gwdriskill@ualr.edu). This process will help identify if you need preparatory post BA coursework and/or ACOM 7390 after admission, in addition to the 33 hours required for the program.
2. A 3.0 GPA must be met to maintain regular admission graduate student status. A GPA below 3.0 will result in academic probation for a semester to allow the GPA to be raised. Students not raising their GPA to a 3.0 will be suspended and not allowed to be a graduate student at UALR.

Special Conditional Admission Criteria:

Students seeking admission for "special conditional status" must meet all of the following criteria:

1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution with substantially the same undergraduate program as at UALR (typically at least 120 hours or the equivalent of a 4-year baccalaureate degree).
2. A 2.00-2.69 cumulative GPA (including post-baccalaureate hours) from a regionally accredited, domestic institution or an international institution recognized by the International Association of Universities.
3. Writing samples must receive a 2.5 on a 3.0 rating scale demonstrating readiness for graduate level work by the graduate faculty selection committee (see Appendix A).
4. Good fit for our program based on professional statement, resume or curriculum vitae, and references.

Important facts for conditional admission status:

1. A GPA of a 3.0 must be maintained in the first 9 hours in the program to qualify for review to move from conditional to regular admission. If the criteria is not met, a student can no longer be a graduate student at UALR.
2. Graduate Assistantships are not offered to applicants in conditional status.
3. International Students and/or students who qualify for "Conditional Admission Status" must enroll in 9 hours during the summer. These nine hours must include 3 or 6 hours of approved courses in Summer 2 and then the 3 or 6 hours in summer 4, to include SPCH 7390. If students maintain a "B" or better in these courses, they will be moved to regular status for the Fall.



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Alternative Pathway to Admission

If an applicant does not meet regular or conditional admission requirements, but can document a substantive career record that suggests the experience, maturity, and aptitude for graduate work, they may have the option of working with the graduate selection committee for an alternative pathway for admission. This path will vary depending on factors that prevented the student from receiving regular or conditional admission (e.g., low score on writing samples). Additional undergraduate coursework may be recommended before re-applying.