

## MLS ADMISSION GUIDELINES

The MLS program admits new students in the fall and spring semesters. The program adheres to the admissions standards adopted by the ECU Graduate School. The ECU Graduate School minimum GPA for admission is 2.7. Admissions decisions are based on consideration of undergraduate academic record, graduate record if applicable, test scores on either the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), students' written statements of purpose, and letters of recommendation. Minimum scores on the GRE or MAT are not specified by the Graduate School, although in general, a GRE of 1000 or a MAT of 400 is acceptable.

[Application information](#) is available from the ECU Graduate School, and [information on tuition and fees](#) is available from the ECU Cashier's Office. In addition to the ECU Graduate School requirements, the MLS program evaluates applicants' aptitude for and commitment to the profession through their letters of recommendation and their required statement of purpose essay. Student aptitude and commitment are demonstrated by a wide range of evidence, including, but not limited to, the applicants' career history, extracurricular and community activities, and professional goals. The required essay also demonstrates an applicant's writing ability, a core skill required of all graduate students.

A prospective student who does not meet the Graduate School's admission guidelines may be reviewed for Admission by Exception to the MLS program. An interview with the MLS Admission Committee is required for this review.

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