

GRADUATE

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At the University of La Verne, a graduate student is any student who has completed the full requirements of a Baccalaureate Degree, or international equivalent. The University of La Verne offers more than 20 graduate level programs, including certificates, credentials, masters and doctoral degrees. The graduate applicant will be considered for admission to the University based on several factors:

Basic Application Procedures and Requirements

To apply for admission, applicants must submit the following documents, in addition to their program specific requirements. All application materials become the property of the University upon receipt:

Required Application Materials

1. **Application for Admission:** Applicants must submit a completed and signed *Application for Admission* with the non-refundable application fee.
2. **Personal Statement:** Applicants must submit a personal statement detailing their interest in the University of La Verne and intended graduate program. Any program specific guidelines can be found within the program's admission requirements.
3. **Resume:** Applicants must submit a detailed resume highlighting any academic and work history.
4. **Official transcripts:** Applicants must submit transcripts from each institution where a degree (e.g., bachelor's, master's, etc.) was earned. Bachelor's degrees must be conferred by a regionally accredited institution (or the international equivalent). Applicants may also submit transcripts from institutions where no degree was completed. Unofficial or in-progress transcripts may be used for an initial admission decision; however, final, official transcripts reflecting all degrees conferred are required prior to registering for any subsequent terms.
5. **Other documents as required.** Please refer to the program's specific admissions requirements as listed in this Catalog.

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

The University of La Verne welcomes applications from students living in countries throughout the world. Sufficient evidence must be provided to ensure that a student is able to fund their educational experience using their own financial resources. International students must not plan on earnings from employment in the United States, federal financial assistance, scholarships, or grants. The University is authorized to issue the I-20 when international applicants have been accepted and have submitted the non-refundable tuition deposit. To allow time for obtaining Visas, it is important for international applicants to provide all required documents a minimum of two months before the beginning of the semester. **Students holding F-1 and J-1 visas may attend only the La Verne Main Campus or College of Law and Public Service Campus and are not eligible for the CAPA program or ROC.** To be considered for admission, international students must provide the following documents to the Office of Admission. All application materials become the property of the University upon receipt.

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3. **Resume:** Applicants must submit a detailed resume highlighting any academic and work history.
4. **Official transcripts and certificates** (with notarized translations into English where appropriate) from all colleges and universities attended where a degree (e.g. Bachelor's, Masters, etc.) was earned. **Applicants who have completed studies at a foreign university must send their transcripts for a detailed credential review to be evaluated for transfer credit. There is a fee for this service.** Applicants attending a foreign university that is accredited by a U.S. accrediting agency are exempt from the detailed credential review. Applicants may submit unofficial transcripts prior to submitting official records for a conditional admission decision.
5. **Proof of English Proficiency:** Applicants must establish minimum proficiency in English by submitting official scores from **one** of the following or equivalent:
 - A minimum score of 80 iBT/550pBT on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with acceptable minimum bandwidth scores
 - A minimum score of 460 on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing Section of SAT
 - A minimum score of 19 on the English section of the ACT
 - A minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with acceptable minimum bandwidth scores
 - A minimum score of 110 on the Duolingo English Test (DET)
 - A minimum score of 176 on the Cambridge English Exam (CAE)
 - A minimum score of 53 on the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE)
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Applicants may be reviewed without proof of English proficiency for conditional admission. Conditional admission does not make a student eligible for issuance of an I-20. An I-20 may be issued once the applicant has met English proficiency requirements and received full admission. Official qualifying test scores are required for full admission and must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions prior to enrollment.

Alternatively, students received a bachelor's degree in the United States may also be exempt from providing proof of English proficiency:

- An American school overseas
- An International school
- AP Curriculum
- IB Curriculum (taught in English Only)
- IGCSE/A-level Curriculum

Graduate applicants from countries with English as an official language and official language of instruction in higher education are not required to submit proof English Proficiency:

Anguilla	Antigua and Barbuda	Australia
Bahamas	Barbados	Belize
Bermuda	Botswana	British Virgin Islands
Cameroon	Canada (except Quebec)	Cayman Islands
Dominica	England	Fiji

Gambia	Ghana	Gibraltar
Grenada	Guyana	Ireland, Northern
Ireland, Republic of	Jamaica	Kenya
Lesotho	Liberia	Malawi
Malta	Mauritius	Montserrat
Namibia	New Zealand	Nigeria
Papua New Guinea	St. Kitts and Nevis	St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Scotland	Seychelles
Sierra Leone	Singapore	Solomon Islands
South Africa	Swaziland	Tanzania
Tonga	Trinidad and Tobago	Turks and Caicos Islands
Uganda	United Kingdom	Vanuatu
Wales	Zambia	Zimbabwe