Application Guidelines  
Language, Literacy, and, Sociocultural Studies  
Department

The Department of Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies (LLSS) offers master's (M.A.) and doctoral (Ph.D.) degree programs that focus on language and literacy, American Indian education, bilingual education, language acquisition and the social foundations of education. Procedures for applying, criteria for admission, and how you will be notified are outlined below.

M.A. Program in LLSS

To Apply

The deadlines for the master’s degree applications include **September 15th for Spring admission** and **February 1st for Summer and Fall admission.** Make sure to complete the three- (i.e., four- for international students)-step process described below.

1. Go to the Office of Admissions at http://admissions.unm.edu/. Your on-line application will include the submission of:
   a) Letter of intent,
   b) CV/Resume, and
   c) Three letters of recommendation.

2. Also, obtain an official transcript from all colleges or universities that you have attended and ask the university to send it either via email to apply@unm.edu or via regular mail to this physical address:
   
   Office of Admissions  
   MSC 116305  
   1 University of New Mexico  
   Albuquerque, NM 87131

3. Finally, please complete the LLSS Demographic form [http://coe.unm.edu/uploads/docs/llss/llss-prog/llss-demo frm.pdf]. Email it to llssws@unm.edu.

   ***Attention International Students:*** If you are an international student, you must also submit the scores of the TOEFL examination with your application packet. The minimum scores for the TOEFL are set by International Admissions, and the department has no control over these requirements. If you have attended a college in the United States for your bachelor's or master's degree, then this requirement is waived. Please, access the international website at: https://international.unm.edu/graduate/index.html

Criteria for Admission

1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Formal training and experience in education is recommended, but not required.
2. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (grade point average). Lower GPA is acceptable if last two years of coursework (either undergraduate or non-degree) is above 3.0.
3. The Letter of intent should clearly:
   • Identify the concentration in which you are interested [American Indian Education, Bilingual Education, Educational Thought and Sociocultural Studies, Literacy/Language Arts, Social Studies, or Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)].
• Explain why you wish to pursue this concentration.
4. Recommendations indicate your ability to pursue graduate study.

Ph.D. Program in LLSS

To Apply
The deadline for applications is December 1st for a fall admission. Applications to the doctoral program are screened only once a year. Make sure to complete the four- (i.e., five- for international students)-step process described below.

1. Go to the Office of Admissions at http://admissions.unm.edu/. In your on-line application you will need to submit:
   a) Letter of intent,
   b) CV/ Resume,
   c) Three letters of recommendation, and
   d) Writing sample of your work
2. Also, obtain an official transcript from all colleges or universities you have attended and ask the university to send it either via email to apply@unm.edu or via regular mail to this physical address:
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   MSC 11 6305
   1 University of New Mexico
   Albuquerque, NM 87131
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4. Prior to application, it is required that applicants meet with one program faculty member whose work is linked to applicants’ research goals. It is also strongly encouraged that applicants meet with two other faculty members, either in person or remotely. Faculty list can be accessed at: https://coehs.unm.edu/faculty-staff/index.html

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Criteria For Admission

1. Master's degree from an accredited college or university. Formal training and experience in education is recommended, but not required.
2. A minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA (grade point average). Lower GPA is acceptable if last two years of coursework is above 3.3.
3. Admittance to the doctoral program is highly selective, and depends on how your application provides evidence of:
   • Your ability to think critically about education and your professional experiences.
   • Your ability to think critically about culture generally your own culture specifically.
   • Your ability to do graduate level coursework.
   • Your ability to organize and express ideas in academic writing and other modes of
expression.

• The personal, community, and professional experience you bring to LLSS.
• How your interests fit mission of LLSS.
• A possible match with one or more faculty member's research interests.

Notification of Admittance

Admissions decisions will generally be made within a 1-2 month of the application deadline. You will be notified of our admittance decision by the Office of Admissions and the LLSS Department. If admitted to a program, it is important that you contact the assigned advisor (named in the letter of acceptance) of your Program of Studies as soon as possible in order to begin developing your plan of studies.

Additional Information/Questions

Please contact the LLSS main office at 505-277-0437, or email llssws@unm.edu

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