

Master of Arts in Disability Studies: Application Checklist

- Admission criteria and eligibility information:**
 - Have earned at least a bachelor's degree by the time of enrollment. Students are eligible for this degree regardless of their undergraduate major.
- Graduate Program application:**
 - Please create an account and apply online at: https://lcadmission.loras.edu/portal/gr_app. There is no application fee.
- Current resume:**
 - Please upload your resume to the "Materials" section of your online application.
- Personal statement:**
 - The personal statement is a typewritten paper outlining your interests and professional goals (maximum of 2 pages double spaced). This statement is an integral part of your application. Please address the following information:
 - Why are you pursuing a degree in Disability Studies?
 - What experience do you have with disability and/or individuals with disabilities?
 - Is there an area of your life, either social, academic, professional, religious, etc. that you feel could be enhanced by studying disability? Why?
 - A significant portion of this program is devoted to action research. You will be expected to identify a need and create a plan to meet that need. Is there a specific area you are interested in?
 - How do you plan to utilize your degree in Disability Studies?
 - Please upload your personal statement to the "Materials" section of your online application.
- All official transcripts from each institution attended, including undergraduate and graduate:**
 - For a transcript to be considered official, it must be mailed in a sealed envelope from that institution's Registrar's Office directly to Loras College Graduate Admissions. (Transcript "issued to student" as well as faxed and copied transcripts will not be considered official).
 - All official transcripts can be mailed to:
Loras College Graduate Admissions
Attn: Megan Henderson
1450 Alta Vista Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
 - Official electronic transcripts ordered through a service such as Credential Services or National Student Clearinghouse are also acceptable.
 - Please have your transcripts sent immediately after you have submitted your online application.
 - Notice to applicants who are still enrolled in classes at their current institution:
 - In lieu of an official copy of your undergraduate transcript, please upload an unofficial copy of your current undergraduate transcript to the "Materials" section of your online application. Upon receipt of all other application materials, you may still be given a provisional admission decision, contingent upon our receipt of your final, official transcript once your final grades are posted.

Please note that you will be required to upload your resume and personal statement before you can submit your online application. However, you may start the application and return to it at a later time to upload these documents. It does not all have to be completed at once.

Application deadlines:

- Summer enrollment (preferred) – all materials due by May 1
- Fall enrollment – all materials due by August 1
- Spring enrollment – all materials due by December 1
- Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on an individual basis.

Admission decision:

Immediately following receipt of all application materials, your file will be reviewed by the Director of Graduate Admissions. You will then be notified of an admission decision in your online Applicant Status Portal within one week. 11/2023