LORAS COLLEGE

Master of Arts in Applied Psychology: Application Checklist (International Student)

Please note that unless you are already in the United States, Loras cannot issue an I-20 to any international student completing a fully online master's degree (such as this one). You may still be admitted into this program, but you would need to complete the degree from your home country.

☐ **Admission criteria:**
   o A minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 (or 2.9 in the last 60 credits).
   o Completion of at least 9 credits in the social/behavioral sciences.

☐ **Graduate Program application:**
   o Please create an account and apply online at: https://lcadmission.loras.edu/portal/gr_app. There is no application fee.

☐ **Three recommendations:**
   o The recommendations need to be from individuals who can speak to your strengths, weaknesses, and ability to succeed in an online graduate program.
   o Please enter the email addresses for three references in the "References" section of your online application. An email will be sent to those three references asking them to complete and submit an online recommendation form. (They are welcome to provide an optional supplemental letter in addition to the form as well).

☐ **Current resume:**
   o Please upload your resume to the "Materials" section of your online application.

☐ **Personal statement:**
   o 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:
      ▪ What specific factors led you to apply to this Applied Psychology graduate program?
      ▪ Describe the specific experiences or skills you possess that you believe will help you succeed in this graduate program.
      ▪ What areas of skill, knowledge, or ability do you hope to improve through graduate study?
      ▪ Please comment on your ability to succeed in an online program that requires self-direction and initiative.
      ▪ How would this degree support your professional goals?
   o Please upload your personal statement to the "Materials" section of your online application.

☐ **Unofficial transcript from each college/university you have attended, including undergraduate and graduate:**
   o Please upload unofficial transcripts to the "Materials" section of your online application. You do NOT need to send us copies of your official transcripts.

☐ **Copy of your passport photo:**
   o Please upload to the "Materials" section of your online application.

☐ **Official foreign credential evaluation report:**
   o The report must show the United States equivalency for academic credentials earned in other countries**.** Loras College accepts evaluations directly from either Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (https://www.ece.org/ECE) or Foreign Credits, Inc. (https://www.foreigncredits.com/). You should contact Graduate Admissions if you have already received a foreign credential evaluation report from an organization other than ECE or Foreign Credits.

   o Official foreign credential evaluation report can be mailed to:
   Loras College Graduate Admission
   Attn: Megan Henderson
   1450 Alta Vista Street
   Dubuque, IA 52001

☐ **Proof of English language proficiency:**
   o Applicants must submit one of the official test scores below (unless you have received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in Australia, Barbados, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Singapore, United Kingdom, or the United States). Proficiency scores must be sent directly to Loras College from the testing center and must not be more than 2 years old.
      ▪ TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
         • Internet-based test – score of 80 or higher
         • Paper-based test – score of 550 or higher
      ▪ IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
         • 6.5 or higher
      ▪ ACT
         • 21 or higher on both English and Reading sections
      ▪ SAT
         • 500 or higher on evidence-based Reading and Writing sections
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Please note that you will be required to enter the 3 reference email addresses, and upload your resume, personal statement, unofficial transcripts, and copy of your passport photo before you can submit your online application. However, you may start the application and return to it at a later time to upload those documents. It does not all have to be completed at once.

Application deadlines:
   Spring enrollment – all materials due by December 1
   Fall enrollment – all materials due by August 1
   Applications submitted after these deadlines will be considered on an individual basis.

Admission decision:
   Immediately following receipt of all application materials, your file will be reviewed by the Program Director. You will then be notified of an admission decision in your online Applicant Status Portal within one week.