Admissions

Admission Requirements

Candidates for the M.A. in Urban Studies are expected to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 from an accredited college or university. Completed applications will include each of the following items:

- Resume/CV
- Statement of intent: up to 500 words
- Three letters of recommendation: from professors or employers, submitted directly by referees
- Writing sample: 5 to 7 pages (maximum)
- Official degree transcripts: Transcripts confirming prior degree conferral are required for all applicants, regardless of matriculation status. These should be ordered at least one month prior to the application deadline for your program of interest. You may upload unofficial copies of your transcripts to your application while the Office of Admissions awaits receipt of your official transcripts.
- English proficiency: International applicants whose native language is not English are required to complete and submit to GSAS prior to matriculation their official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). GSAS will also consider a student’s International English Language Testing System (IELTS) — Cambridge English Proficiency Level language testing results.

The GRE is not required, unless you are interested in applying for financial aid.

For more information about admissions to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, please visit their page on the Fordham website.