

Simple entry MS Application
(non-thesis, 11 month MS program)
(12/16/2011)

Q: Who can apply using the Simple Entry MS application?

A: UIUC undergraduates in CEE with the required minimum GPA listed below can be admitted into the non-thesis, 11 month MS program without submitting 3 reference letters and GRE scores.

Requirement for the Simple Entry application: GPA of at least **3.3**, calculated beginning with the junior year

BEGINNING SPRING 2013:

New structural engineering requirement: cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 for all UIUC courses

Q: How do I apply using the Simple Entry MS application?

A: Complete the online graduate application and pay the application fee: \$70 for domestic students and \$90 for international students.

GRADUATE APPLICATION – APPLY NOW: <http://www.grad.uiuc.edu/admissions/apply/>

In the field for “Other Specializations,” enter “Simple Entry MS,” as well as one of the eight CEE areas of study (<http://cee.uiuc.edu/areas/>).

Leave the GRE section blank.

In the section for reference letters enter “Not applicable” (or NA) for each of the three letters, ie NA1, NA2, NA3. You will also need to enter unique email addresses. You may use your own, and you may also use mpeyton@ or civil@.

Email a copy of your Academic History (access through U/I Integrate) to mpeyton@illinois.edu, or upload it to the graduate application.

Q: What are the deadlines for the Simple entry MS application?

A: SUMMER 2012

Applicants who would like to begin their program in the summer should apply for the Fall semester. After you are approved for admission, you may ask to have your start semester changed from Fall to Summer.

FALL 2012 (please wait until your Fall 2011 grades are available before you submit your application.

Application closes: **June 1, 2012**

International students should use the domestic application.

Q: Do I need to submit reference letters? What about GRE scores?

A: No. Reference letters and GRE scores are NOT required.
You must enter something in the reference letter fields on the application. Please enter "NA" so that you will be able to continue to the next section.

Q: If I already have letters of recommendation, would it be in my favor to submit them?

A: You may submit your letters, but the Simple Entry MS application will not necessarily be seen by the graduate committee.

Q: Is it necessary to submit a personal statement and resume?

A: Please submit a short personal statement. Your statement should be about your career goals and aspirations. It should be concise; only 2 or 3 paragraphs.

A resume is not necessary.

Q: I transferred into UIUC the second semester of my junior year. I am currently a fifth year senior. Would the GPA from the first semester of my junior year at my previous school count toward the 3.3 GPA?

A: Yes. We will count your GPA from your junior year forward, even if part of your junior year was at another university.

Q: I took community college classes during the last 2 years of my undergraduate program. Will those grades count toward the 3.3 GPA?

A: No. After you begin your program at UIUC, we will only use the UIUC grades for the GPA calculation.

Q: Can I be considered for fellowships with the Simply Entry MS application?

A: No. If you would like to be considered for fellowships, you will need to submit the full application with GRE scores and reference letters.

Q: Can I be considered for a research or teaching assistantship with the Simply Entry MS application?

A: You will not be considered for an assistantship at the time of application. However, you are always at liberty to discuss the possibility of receiving a RA or TA with individual faculty after you are admitted into the MS program.

Please note that the final admission decision rests with the Office of Admissions and requires the completion of any academic degrees that were incomplete at the time of your application and requires the maintenance of a satisfactory grade point average.