



## Graduate Application Checklist

### Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology

Please follow the checklist below to ensure that you submit a complete graduate application package. Non-disclosed transcripts and missing application documents can significantly delay file reviews or result in applications being cancelled. All application supporting documents need to be received before the [application deadline](#).

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#### Prerequisite Requirements

Before you apply please ensure that you have met the following prerequisite requirements as part of your undergraduate degree. Where there are deficiencies students may be conditionally accepted with the requirement of completing undergraduate degree prerequisite courses achieving a minimum B grade before they may begin their graduate studies.

Statistics

Research Methods

Evidence of (2.5 units) Social Science courses

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#### Document Submission checklist

**Official transcripts** 4-year bachelor's degree in a social science area (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Family Studies, Gerontology, Child and Youth Study, Social Work, Education, Health Professions). CGPA of 3.0 or above.

**Note on Official Transcripts:** When completing the [graduate application form](#) you are required to declare ALL completed degrees, diplomas and post-secondary certificates, programs that are currently in progress, incomplete studies, discontinued studies, non-degree studies/courses, courses or programs taken through university exchanges or by distance, failed courses and transfer credit courses. You are required to submit all of these official transcripts as part of your graduate application. **Failure to disclose and provide an accurate and complete educational history and transcripts from all institutions you attended may be considered an intentional omission.**

**Statement of Intent** – Clearly indicate whether you intend to **specialize in either Family Studies OR Gerontology**. Outline your knowledge of and purpose for applying to our program, identify your future career goals, and comment on how completion of the program will help you achieve these goals. Also explain how your past work, volunteer, and academic experiences may be helpful in this intended program of study.

**Two letters of reference (one academic, one professional)**

**Resume**

**10 – 15-page Writing sample** – This should demonstrate your research potential as a graduate student in the Department of Family Studies and Gerontology

**ESL scores** – [MSVU ESL requirements can be found on our website](#).

Upload your unofficial test report as part of your application.

Official ESL test scores are required for applicants whose first language is not English, and who completed a degree from a country where the first language is not English. TOEFL and IELTS test takers can request electronic submission of scores to universities. An official paper score report ordered from the testing agency is required for all other tests.

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