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GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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MASTER OF ARTS IN ART (511)

Contact - Collier Hyams – 318.357.5436

HyamsC@nsula.edu

Admission

- ✓ Regular admission only (all requirements must be met)
- ✓ Departmental Approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university.
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 OR 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study to be determined by department
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities attended
- ✓ GRE will be waived once approved by department
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation (no form letter)
- ✓ Immunization record or immunization waiver form

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Letter of Intent (1-2 pages) to be e-mailed to Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ CV showing active gallery, exhibition, and/or art show participation in the last five years along with work experience record to be e-mailed to Collier Hyams at Hyamsc@nsula.edu

MASTER OF ARTS IN ADULT LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

**Contact: Stephanie Smith – 318.357.6278
(Dr. Christy Hornsby – HornsbyC@nsula.edu)**

Admission

- ✓ Conditional or Regular (all requirements must be met)
- ✓ Does NOT require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university.
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 OR 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study to be determined by department.
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities attended
- ✓ GRE score not required
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization requirement will be waived, program is online.

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Resume' (e-mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu)
- ✓ Letter of Intent (e-mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu)

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Stephanie Smith – 318.357.6278

(Dr. Gerra Perkins – PerkinsG@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Conditional or Regular only
- ✓ All requirements must be met
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA 2.5 or 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study to be determined by department.
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores with minimum of 280 on verbal plus quantitative section
- ✓ To be eligible for GA, GRE must be 282 or better with 2.5 GPA
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record or can request waiver

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Request Letter (letter requesting consideration for program admission to program including applicants' reasons for selecting the program concentration) – E-mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ Resume' – Include full name, address, phone numbers, e-mail, academic experiences, prior related work experiences, degrees held, honor, awards, special interests and other appropriate information. (E-mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu)
- ✓ Narrative (autobiographical narrative showing evidence of life experiences and personal maturity indicating appropriateness for the counseling field) (E-mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu)
- ✓ Interview (will be notified by Dr. Gerra Perkins of Counseling)

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

LaToya Hemphill – HemphillL@nsula.edu - 318.677.3100
(Dr. Aimee Badeaux – BadeauxA@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Regular admission only
- ✓ All requirements must be met
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Master of Science in Nursing degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 3.0 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation (DNP recommendation form. Can be found on the College of Nursing website)
- ✓ Immunization Record
- ✓ Emotional Quotient to be e-mailed to Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ GRE will be waived with acceptable Emotional Quotient (EQ) and after approved for program

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Contact College of Nursing at 318.677.3131 for additional requirements they may ask for.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Stephanie Smith – 318.357.6278

(Dr. Christy Hornsby HornsbyC@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Regular Admission only
- ✓ All requirements must be met
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Master's degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA from master's degree of 3.0 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ Official GRE scores with minimum of 280 (verbal plus quantitative) OR other approved professional score, such as Praxis, or master's degree with minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 the GRE will be waived upon acceptance to program.
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Resume' or CV to be scanned to the Graduate School at Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ Essay writing sample (must be research based paper) scanned to the Graduate School at Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ Statement of Purpose - student's reason for applying and preparation for the program; strengths & experiences that are relevant and how the program can help the student realize expectations and goals. scanned to the Graduate School at Grad_School@nsula.edu

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

Dr. J. Ereck Jarvis – 318.357.5586

JarvisJ@nsula.edu

Admission

- ✓ Regular (everything must be in and high enough)
- ✓ Requires departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited college or university
- ✓ Minimum undergraduate GPA 3.0 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges or universities attended
- ✓ GRE will be waived when approved for program and all other graduate school requirements have been met
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization form – Will waive, online student

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Writing Sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility in analysis, argument, research and coherence. E-mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu AND EnglishGrads@nsula.edu
- ✓ Letter of Intent of about 500 words describing career goals and/or rationale for pursuing graduate study in English. This statement should demonstrate a substantial commitment to Graduate Study. E-Mail to Grad_School@nsula.edu AND EnglishGrads@nsula.edu

PMC – GLOBAL SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

Meredith Machen – 318.357.6967
(Dr. Tim Pardue - PardueT@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Provisional or Regular admission only
- ✓ Does NOT require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's and Master's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- ✓ Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges or universities attended
- ✓ GRE will be waived when all requirements have been met
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization form will be waived – online program

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ NONE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE

Tammy Dobson – 318.357.5126
(Dr. Mike Moulton – MoultonM@nsula.edu)

Admissions

- ✓ Regular admission only
- ✓ All requirements must be met
- ✓ Does NOT require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA 2.5 or 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores with minimum of 282 on verbal plus quantitative section
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ NONE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HOMELAND SECURITY

Meredith Machen – 318.357.6967
(Dr. Tim Pardue - PardueT@nsula.edu)

Admissions

- ✓ Conditional or Regular admission
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA 2.5 or 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores – no minimum score requirement but must be taken
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Statement of Purpose – Serves as a writing sample and includes the applicant's reason for applying and preparation for the program; strengths and experiences that are relevant; and how the program can help the applicant realize expectations and goals. To be e-mailed to Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ Resume' or CV – To be e-mailed to Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ Professional training transcripts or certificates applicable to the degree

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Kathy Shaw – 318.357.6144

Admission

- ✓ Provisional and Regular admission only
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores will be waived with passing Praxis AFTER student is accepted in the MAT
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record will be waived after acceptance, online program

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Please contact Kathy Shaw for MAT requirements

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Stephanie Smith – 318.357.6278

Admission

- ✓ Provisional, Conditional, or Regular
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores can be waived with passing Praxis
- ✓ Valid teaching certificate
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ NONE

MASTER OF MUSIC

Concentration: Music Education

Ms. Ladell Conley – 318.357.5773

(Dr. Dennette McDermott – McDermottD@nsula.edu)

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Admissions

- ✓ Provisional, Conditional or Regular
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and teacher certification preferred, bachelor's degree in music minimum, and earned from a regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.75
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores must be 282 or better, OR complete an Application Portfolio
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ If GRE scores are not submitted, an application portfolio must be completed for full consideration for admission. Priority deadlines: April 1st for fall admission, November 1st for spring admission.
 1. Resume/Curriculum Vita (CV); and
 2. Writing sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility in analysis, argument, research, and coherence
- ✓ Letter of Intent (500 words minimum) that discusses the applicant's goals and reasons for pursuing the Master of Music with a concentration in Music Education, and how their graduate study at NSU fits into their plan; and
- ✓ Highly recommended that applicants without a valid teaching license pursue alternate certification concurrent with the Master's program.

MASTER OF MUSIC

Concentration: Music Performance

Teresa Tilley – 318.357.4522

(Dr. Dennette McDermott – McDermottD@nsula.edu)

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Admissions

- ✓ Provisional, Conditional or Regular
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in Music Performance preferred, bachelor's degree in music minimum, and earned from a regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.75
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores must be 282 or better, OR complete an Application Portfolio
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ If GRE scores are not submitted, an application portfolio must be completed for full consideration for admission. Priority deadlines: April 1st for fall admission, November 1st for spring admission.
 1. Resume/Curriculum Vita (CV); and
 2. Letter of Intent (500 words minimum) that discusses the applicant's goals and reasons for pursuing the Master of Music degree with a concentration in Music Performance, and how their graduate study at NSU fits into their plan:
 3. Writing sample of not more than 15 pages demonstrating facility, analysis, argument, research, and coherence; and
 4. Repertoire List

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Charla Bumgardner – 318.677.3131
(Dr. Angela Hardy – HardyA@nsula.edu)

Admissions

- ✓ Regular admission only
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or better or 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study to waive GRE
- ✓ If undergraduate GPA is less than 2.5, GRE is REQUIRED and score must be 284 or better adding verbal + quantitative
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE can be waived if undergraduate GPA is 2.5 or better
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental requirements

- ✓ Contact department

POST MASTERS CERTIFICATION IN NURSING

Charla Bumgardner – 318.677.3131
(Dr. Angela Hardy – HardyA@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Regular Admission only
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Master's Degree in Nursing from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ A graduate grade point average of 3.0 or better.
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE can be waived once Master's has been verified
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Contact department

**ADD-ON CERTIFICATION IN EDUCATION AND PREP
POST BACHELORS, POST MASTER'S IN EDUCATION AND
ALT CERTIFICATION IN MUSIC**

Kathy Shaw – 318.357.6144

Admission

- ✓ Provisional or Regular
- ✓ Departmental Approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE will be waived with passing Praxis once approved to program
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record will be waived when approved to program, online

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Contact department

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY

Helen Tousek – 318.357.6594

(Dr. Cynthia Lindsey – LindseyC@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Conditional or Regular
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ *Conditional* - GRE scores 290 with a 2.5 undergraduate GPA or 280 with a 3.0 GPA
- ✓ *Regular* – GRE scores of 290 with a 3.0 undergraduate GPA
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirement

- ✓ Contact department

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

Eloise Chambers – 318.677.3020

(Dr. Laura Aaron – CarwileL@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Provisional, or Regular
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 OR 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study to be determined by department.
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE is waived for this program only
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Hold credentials in one of the medical imaging primary pathway disciplines such as Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiation therapy, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or Sonography; and
- ✓ Successfully complete an undergraduate statistics or research course

EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST
Stephanie Smith – 318.357.6812
(Dr. Katrina Jordan – JordanK@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Conditional or Regular
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Valid teaching certificate
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE will be waived with passing Praxis or Masters degree
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record will be waived, program is online

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ None

MASTER OF ARTS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Stephanie Smith – 318.357.6278

(Dr. Paula Christensen – Christensen@nsula.edu)

Admission

- ✓ Provisional, Conditional, or Regular
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5 or 2.75 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE scores 280 or better
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record will be waived, online program

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ Career Statement - autobiographical statement of purpose for pursuing graduate work in the Student Affairs field to be e-mailed to Grad_School@nsula.edu
- ✓ Resume' – To be e-mailed to Grad_School@nsula.edu

**POST BACHELORS CERTIFICATE for ENGLISH
Teacher of English to Speakers of other Languages (TESOL)
Writing for Business Industry and Technology (WBIT)**

Dr. J. Ereck Jarvis – 318.357.5586

JarvisJ@nsula.edu

Admission

- ✓ Regular admission only
- ✓ Departmental Approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or better
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities attended
- ✓ Will waive w/GRE waiver form sent with weekly letter
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization form – Will waive, online student

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ NONE

NON-DEGREE

Contact – Graduate School – 318.357.5851

Admission

- ✓ Provisional, Conditional or Regular
- ✓ Does not require departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.5
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities
- ✓ GRE will be waived w/GRE waiver form sent w/weekly letter
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Immunization Record

Departmental Requirements

- ✓ None

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

Becky Stephens – 318.357.5162

Contact: Dr. Begona Perez-Mira – PerezMiraB@nsula.edu

Admission

- ✓ Provisional, Conditional, or Regular
- ✓ Departmental approval

Requirements

- ✓ Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited college/university.
- ✓ Official transcripts from ALL colleges/universities attended
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation (no form letter)
- ✓ Immunization record waived – Online student

Departmental Requirements

- One of the following
 - ✓ Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (GRE/GMAT/essay waived) OR
 - ✓ Minimum Undergraduate GPA of 2.5 and one of the following:
 - GRE Score of 280 (verbal plus quantitative) or equivalent GMAT Score
 - Two to three-page essay on experience in information systems field and why student is an appropriate fit for Northwestern State Computer Information Systems program. Format should be Times New Roman, 12-point font, 1 inch margins, and APA style.
 - Certain undergraduate classes are required, student needs to contact department for advising
 - ✓ For graduate transfer students, nine earned hours with a 3.0 or higher graduate GPA from regionally accredited higher education institution