

GOUCHER COLLEGE :: Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Admission to Goucher's Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability program is granted to selected applicants whose academic and personal qualifications give promise of success in a limited-residency, distance-learning program. The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Applications are accepted two times a year. Letters of acceptance will be mailed within four weeks of the application deadline.

I am applying for admission in:

- January (October 15, 2009 deadline)
- August (April 16, 2010 deadline)

Application Checklist

To be considered for admission, an applicant must submit the following:

- a completed application form, including three copies of the essay and a nonrefundable \$50 application fee made payable to Goucher College;
- official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work, sent directly by the institution to the Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability, Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, Goucher College, or by including official transcripts in the institution's sealed envelope with your application; and
- two letters of recommendation from people who know you well enough to give an informed opinion of your potential for success in this program.

The application materials should be forwarded to:

**Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability
Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies
Goucher College
1021 Dulaney Valley Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21204-2794**

Personal Data

Legal name _____

Name on transcript(s), if different from above _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Work phone (_____) _____

Fax number (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of birth _____ Gender Male Female

Country of citizenship _____ If not a U.S. citizen, you will need an I-20 form for a student visa.

Educational Background

Have you ever attended Goucher before? Yes No

If yes, at what level were the courses? Undergraduate Graduate Certificate

Please list all *undergraduate* colleges/universities attended.

College/University	Major	Dates Attended	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list all *graduate* colleges/universities attended.

College/University	Major	Dates Attended	Degree Received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Official transcripts must be received from all schools directly or in the school's sealed envelope whether or not a degree was received.

Employment Background

Current Employer

Are you: an employee a volunteer self-employed

How long have you had your current employment? _____ years

Position _____

Name of employer _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer's phone (_____) _____

May we contact your employer? Yes No

Previous Employment (for last five years)

Were you: an employee a volunteer self-employed

Dates employed _____

Position _____

Name of employer _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer's phone (_____) _____

May we contact your employer? Yes No

Were you: an employee a volunteer self-employed

Dates employed _____

Position _____

Name of employer _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Employer's phone (_____) _____

May we contact your employer? Yes No

Cultural Research and Practice Background

Please share any recent fieldwork, coursework, or other cultural research experiences.

Dates	Description	Your Role
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Access to Research Libraries

Please list any research, college, or university libraries to which you have access.

Name _____	Location _____
Name _____	Location _____
Name _____	Location _____

Essay

Write an essay of not less than 1,000 words (stapled in upper-left corner), discussing all three topics below. Please submit **three** copies of your essay. The essay is extremely important, as it demonstrates the applicant’s ability to clearly and consisely commit his or her ideas in writing. This is your opportunity to tell us about yourself.

1. What has led to your interest in cultural sustainability, and why does this concept matter to you?
2. Please give a brief autobiography highlighting the experiences that have been important in shaping your goals.
3. Why have you selected a limited-residency rather than a traditional, on-campus graduate program?

Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not required for this program. If, however, you have taken the test in the past five years or plan to take it before the application deadline and choose to submit your scores, please complete this section and have the testing agency send official scores to Goucher College, Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21204-2794.

Graduate Record General (aptitude)

Date _____ Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____

Letters of Recommendation

Please provide two letters of recommendation, addressing your intellectual ability and potential for success in this program.

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List the names and telephone numbers of the two people who will be submitting letters of recommendation on your behalf.

Name	Telephone
_____	(_____) _____
_____	(_____) _____

Financial Assistance

Students who have been admitted to the Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability program may be eligible for financial assistance. To apply for financial aid, you must complete the following:

- 2010–2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Goucher Application for Financial Aid

Will you be a candidate for financial aid? Yes No *(Your response does not affect an admission decision.)*
If you have questions regarding financial aid, please call the Office of Student Financial Aid at 410-337-6430.

For the college’s planning purposes only, how many courses do you plan to take each semester? _____

Endorsement

In keeping with the Honor Code at Goucher College, my signature below indicates that all information in my application is complete, factually correct and honestly presented. **You must sign your application.**

Signature _____ Date _____

The Welch Center for Graduate and Professional Studies Master of Arts in Cultural Sustainability program of Goucher College does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, color, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, or disability in admission to, or treatment in, its educational programs and activities.