International Graduate Student Checklist

General Application Information (common to all programs):

1) International Application for Admission to Graduate Study form.
2) Application fee of U.S. $20.00 for first-time applicants to MSUM.
3) Comprehensive course-by-course transcript evaluation by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) or World Education Services (WES) for transcripts from all post-secondary colleges and universities outside of the United States. [http://www.ece.org/ or http://www.wes.org/] Do not send these transcripts directly to MSUM. ECE or WES evaluation must certify international degree as equivalent to a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited American institution.
4) GPA requirement (at least 3.0 cumulative on 4.0 scale)
5) For those whose native language is not English, an official score from either the TOEFL or the IELTS. The TOEFL required score is 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 78-80 (internet-based). A band score of 6.5 is required on the IELTS.
6) Completed Sponsor Form listing the availability of adequate monetary support for the duration of graduate study and an official bank statement. The current requirement is at least U.S. $18,000.00 per year in U.S. funds. The estimated cost of attending MSUM as a graduate student is $18,000 USD for a school year. Verification of additional funds is necessary if you are bringing a spouse or other family members as follows: $4,000 for the first dependent (or spouse) and $2,100 for each additional dependent.
7) Completed, signed International Student Agreement form.
8) International Student Transfer Form (if appropriate).
9) International students must purchase the University health insurance. No exceptions will be made.

Program Specific Application Information:

Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language:
1) Teaching ESL Application form
2) Essay stating professional experience and future goals
3) Writing Sample (2-3 page argumentative, persuasive, or informative paper in English)

Master of Science in Accounting and Finance
1) Baccalaureate degree in Accounting OR Finance (finance majors must have one year of intermediate accounting)
2) Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT); required of all applicants whose GPA falls between 2.75 and 3.0; minimum score of 550 required; only official scores accepted; no more than 5 years old
3) Letter of Intent stating reasons for pursuing a M.S. in Accounting and Finance (only required of non-MSUM students)
4) Two letters of recommendation (only required of non-MSUM students)

Master of Science in Counseling and Student Affairs:
1) Counseling and Student Affairs Application form
2) Miller Analogies Test or GRE General Test (only official scores accepted; no more than 5 years old)
3) 350 word statement on personal career goals
4) Three letters of recommendation

Master of Science in School Psychology:
1) GRE General Test (only official scores accepted; no more than 5 years old)
2) Three letters of recommendation
3) Letter of intent specifying career goals and research interests

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology:
1) Speech-Language Pathology Application form
2) Baccalaureate degree in Speech/Language Hearing from a regionally accredited institution
3) GRE (only official scores accepted; no more than 5 years old)
4) Three letters of recommendation
5) A TOEFL score of 570 (paper-based), 230 (computer-based), or 88-89 (internet-based) is required for the Speech-Language Pathology program. The IELTS score required is 7.0.
Graduate Program Highlights:

**Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language**
The Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language (MA TESL) is a degree for individuals who wish to practice teaching ESL/EFL in a classroom setting in a variety of contexts: K-12 schools, intensive English language programs, adult basic education programs, or community college programs. It is intended to prepare individuals who have previous training or experience in a related field, such as education, English, or other language study. While the master's degree may lead to an add-on K-12 license in ESL for already certified teachers, it will not provide initial preparation for individuals who do not hold an existing license. Since licensure requirements vary from state to state, students should consult licensing boards in the states where they wish to work to determine whether the MA TESL will meet the requirements in the state of the student’s choice.

**Master of Science in Accounting and Finance**
This program is designed as a fifth year extension of the undergraduate programs in accounting and finance and is well suited for new graduates or professionals in these fields. The combined depth of study of both disciplines offers you an unparalleled breadth of functional business skills that expand your potential career opportunities along either path. You’ll also enhance your range of knowledge to bring to any position, greatly improving career advancement opportunities. This credential will enhance your expertise and knowledge to pursue careers in investment management or accounting, and to obtain professional designations like Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Certified Public Accountant (CPA). This uniquely combined program pairs exceptional high-quality teaching with outstanding value. Face-to-face meetings are held evenings and late afternoons to accommodate your work and professional life. Students can complete this program in one year full time or two years part time.

**Master of Science in Counseling and Student Affairs**
The CNSA program stresses the integration of developmental theory with interpersonal skills. It has a generalist orientation, but can be individualized to meet each student's needs. The program provides extensive practical experience through a practicum and internship. It can be completed in as short as two years or part time students have up to five years. Through the program, students develop core-helping skills and engage in concentrated study in one of three degree emphases, each of which has specialized accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP): Student Affairs/College Counseling, School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling. The Counseling and Student Affairs graduate program at MSUM is unique in its flexibility and individual attention to graduate students. Some of the strengths of the program are: small class sizes, a great deal of interaction between faculty and students, and additional faculty support during internship. In addition, students have an outstanding record of excelling on standardized national counselor examinations, which are necessary for certification and licensure. Many of the courses are offered in the evenings to accommodate part-time students.

**Master of Science in School Psychology**
School psychologists provide a variety of psychological services primarily in public school settings. Through their skills in consultation, assessment, intervention and program evaluation, school psychologists work closely with teachers, administrators, parents, and community agencies to identify and treat students’ problems. Specialist degree level school psychologists are in demand regionally and nationally. Our program is approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), NCATE, and the Minnesota Board of Teaching. Graduates meet the requirements for certification as school psychologists in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and most other states.

**Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology**
The master’s degree offered by this department is a professional degree. Its title, Speech-Language Pathology, indicates that it is the entry-level clinical degree in the field of Speech-Language Pathology. Students completing this program are qualified for clinical positions in communication disorders throughout the nation. Those who excel in the master’s program are encouraged to seek the doctoral degree at another university. See "Course Descriptions" for a listing of courses offered. The Speech-Language Pathology graduate program at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA) of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Candidates for the master's degree fulfill academic and clinical requirements established by ASHA for the Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC). The master’s degree program requires two years of study.