

LABOR AND GLOBAL WORKERS' RIGHTS

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Students who do not have a GPA of 3.0 or higher will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the quality of their overall application. Applicants who are still completing their baccalaureate/postsecondary requirements at the time of application may be admitted to the Graduate School provisionally (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/provisional-admission/>) based on the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. Students are also expected to have a minimum of three years of full-time work experience in some area related to labor unions or worker-oriented research/employment for admission. Exceptions may be made by the program chair.

Admissions decisions for the program are based on the quality of the applicant's credentials as determined by a review of the complete application portfolio. During the admission process, students who seem better suited for a different graduate program will be encouraged to apply to the appropriate program. Applicants to the M.P.S. in LGWR must submit the following materials:

- Completed online Penn State Graduate School application (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) and payment of the nonrefundable application fee;
- A personal statement explaining your educational and career goals and interests and how our program will help you achieve your goals;
- A resume;
- Three letters of recommendation;
- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. (<http://www.gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>)

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are not required.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.

If scores are needed, applicants must request that the testing center to send their official results to Penn State University (Code 2660. Department: "For any other department not listed.")

For more information on the admission process, see: Admission (<https://ler.la.psu.edu/graduate/mps-in-labor-and-global-workers-rights/admission-process/>).