VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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We welcome your application for admission to the Graduate School of Valparaiso University. The mission of the Graduate School is to serve the advanced learning, professional development, and personal enrichment needs of individuals nationally and internationally. The Graduate School admits students that demonstrate the ability and motivation to succeed in an academically challenging environment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

This application may be completed electronically through our website at http://www.valpo.edu/grad. Please type or print all information in English, except your signature. To be considered for admission, ALL applicants must provide:

☐ This application form, completed and signed.
☐ $50 application fee, through credit card payment, check, or money order drawn on a US BANK ONLY & made payable to Valparaiso University.
☐ Certified copies of the original and English versions of all your undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
☐ If English is not your native language, results of TOEFL, or comparable test score, or intent to enroll in Valparaiso University’s intensive English program, INTERLINK.
☐ Two letters of reference submitted by college teachers or academic advisers.
☐ A reflective essay that explains your reasons for wanting to undertake graduate study at Valparaiso University.
☐ Provide a scanned copy (email to Graduate.School@valpo.edu), legible photocopy (by mail), or fax copy (219-464-5381), of your passport, clearly showing your full name and date of birth.
☐ An official statement of financial support from your bank, sponsor, or guardian, certifying the amount of financial support available to you during your enrollment in the Valparaiso University Graduate School.

Applicants providing all of the above information will be reviewed for provisional admission based on their academic qualifications. If admitted provisionally, the applicant must submit the following information before final acceptance is given:

☐ A certified immunization and health record.

I. ENROLLMENT PLANS

WHICH MASTER’S DEGREE DO YOU PLAN TO SEEK…?

A. Check the program to which you are applying and note the additional requirements:

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*If you checked the MALS degree, please indicate which area of concentration you have chosen:
☐ English  ☐ Ethics & Values  ☐ Gerontology  ☐ History
☐ Human Behavior & Society  ☐ Theology  ☐ Theology & Ministry
☐ Individualized (please specify topic area): _______________________________

B. Anticipated year/term to begin: 20_________  ☐ August (Fall)  ☐ January (Spring)  ☐ May (Summer)

C. In how many years do you plan to complete the program?* __________________

*NOTE: International students must enroll full time for graduate study (3 courses or 9 credit hours minimum/4 courses or 12 credit hours maximum).
II. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________

Family Name: __________________________
First Name: ____________________________
Middle Name: __________________________
Former Name: __________________________

Mailing Address: __________________________

Number & Street: __________________________
City: __________________________
State, Province or Country: __________________________
Postal Code: __________________________

Day Phone (circle: home or office): __________________________
Cell Phone: __________________________
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Email: __________________________
Information Valid Until (Month/Day/Year): __________________________

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Email: __________________________

Citizenship: __________________________
Place of Birth: __________________________
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): __________________________

□ Permanent Resident of U.S. but not a U.S. citizen □ Exchange Visitor (J-1) □ Student (F-1)
□ Will apply for visa if admitted to graduate School □ Other (Specify): __________________________
□ Non-resident alien (list visa type): __________________________

III. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

A. What is your native or primary language? __________________________

B. Indicate your proficiency in English by checking the appropriate boxes below:

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C. Have you taken the TOEFL or a comparable English language test (e.g. IELTS)?
   □ No If not, when will you take it? __________________________
   □ Yes If yes, please list the test date and the results. __________________________

D. Where did you study English? (For example, in secondary school, at a University, etc. List locations and dates.)

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E. Do you use English on a regular basis in business, in the classroom, or in social situations? (Give details. Use an additional sheet, if necessary.)

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F. If English is not your native language, you may attend the intensive English program (INTERLINK Language Center) at Valparaiso University. You may be granted admission into the Graduate School subject to satisfactory completion of the INTERLINK program. Do you wish to receive more information about INTERLINK? □ Yes □ No

IV. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

College/University: __________________________________________
Location: __________________________________________
Dates of Attendance: __________________________________________
Degree/Credits Earned: __________________________________________

A. __________________________________________

B. __________________________________________

C. __________________________________________

NOTE: Official transcripts of all undergraduate & graduate coursework must be received before you will be allowed to take graduate courses at Valparaiso University.
Please list any recognition, awards, or scholarships that you have received, or co-curricular or community/civic activities in which you have been involved.

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Have you ever been dismissed or placed on academic probation at Valparaiso University or another academic institution?

☐ No  ☐ Yes; if yes, please explain fully on a separate sheet.

V. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND GOALS (You may include job descriptions or a resume.)

Are you currently employed?  ☐ No  ☐ Yes; if yes, type of work or profession: ________________________________

What are your professional plans, that is, for what occupation are you currently preparing? ________________________________

VI. SELECTION OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

How did you learn about Valparaiso University? (check all that apply)

☐ College Adviser  ☐ Valpo Alumni  ☐ Professor  ☐ Recruiter
☐ Relative/Friend  ☐ Religious Organization  ☐ Printed Material  ☐ Reference Material
☐ Internet Site (which site): ______________________________________________________________________________________
☐ Other (please specify): _____________________________________________________________________________________

Please list other graduate schools in the USA you are considering or to which you are applying:

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Order the factor(s) (1 = most important) that will affect your choice for graduate school (rank all that apply).

Reputation _____ Program of Study _____ Good Value for Cost _____ Location _____

Other (please specify) ______________________________________________________________________________________

VII. REFLECTIVE ESSAY

All international applicants are required to submit a two-page personal statement or reflective essay indicating their purpose for undertaking graduate study and how this study relates to their professional and personal goals. This statement must be typed double-spaced on separate sheets and submitted with the application materials. Please note that the supplemental application for some degree programs provides further instructions for the personal statement.

The decision for admission to the Graduate School is not final until all required application materials have been received. Applicants granted conditional permission to register for classes due to delayed receipt of official transcripts may not be allowed to begin their coursework if they do not satisfy the admission requirements.

“I submit this application as a true and complete statement of facts for your consideration.”

_________________________________________________   ____________________________________________________
Signature of Applicant Required                                Date

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY.

APPLICATION APPROVED: ____________________    DEAN’S SIGNATURE: ____________________
ALL STUDENTS

1. NAME: ____________________________________________

2. What is your academic background in Communications?
   a. Undergraduate Communications or Media major or related
   b. Undergraduate Communications or Media minor or related (Writing, Journalism, etc.)
   c. Graduate coursework in Communications or Media: list degree or number of credits earned: _________
   d. Fewer than 15 credits (5 courses) in Communications, Media or related field

3. If you have had fewer than 15 credits in graduate and/or undergraduate Communications or Media, please list all coursework, grades, and credit hours in both Communications or Media and related fields.

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4. If you do not meet the qualifications necessary for admission, what other reasons and/or work experiences should be considered? Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS ONLY)

1. Please indicate other experiences that demonstrate your proficiency with English language:
   a. English language immersion program (include copy of certificate)
   b. ESL Program and level (include copy of certificate)
   c. TOEFL or IELTS score (if known) __________
   d. Other (please specify) ______________________

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Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ________________

SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:
Office of the Graduate School, Kretzmann Hall Room 116, 1700 Chapel Drive, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Upon receipt of all admission materials, the Committee on Admissions for the graduate programs will review the file. The applicant will be notified in writing of the committee’s decision. Questions should be addressed to the Office of the Graduate School at 219.464.5313 or 1.800.821.768.