

TEACHERS COLLEGE | COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

M.A. PROGRAM IN SOCIAL-ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Summary: Admissions Information

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| Major Code: | ORGM |
| Entry Term: | Summer, Fall, Spring |
| Students Admitted Each Term: | The number of students we admit varies from year to year and semester to semester. Typically, the range for an entering class is as follows: Summer: 20-25 Fall: 95-100 Spring: 10-15 |
| Required Examinations: | GRE General Test or GMAT . The GRE general test is required for MA applicants. In lieu of the GRE, applicants may submit GMAT scores. Scores are not accepted after five years have lapsed. |
| Average GRE Score: | We do NOT require a minimum GRE score . As a point of reference, in the most recent applicant pool, the average GRE scores were: Verbal: 162 Quantitative: 160 Writing: 4.00 |
| Number of Required Letters of Recommendation: | 2 |
| Are Official Transcripts Required? | Yes . Of note, we have no absolute cut-off for GPAs, but at least a B average is expected. In the past, GPA's have been: <u>Average GPA of those accepted:</u> 3.56 <u>Range of GPA of those accepted:</u> 3.0-4.0 |
| Is a Statement of Purpose Required? | Yes |
| Is my Resume Required? | Yes |
| Is an Academic Writing Sample Required? | No . You are welcome to include a writing sample, but this is not required. If you decide to submit one, it should be an individually authored paper. Writing samples can take on many forms. For instance, you may submit a research-oriented paper such as an honors project, master's thesis, or class paper. Generally speaking, a writing sample is a paper that shows your writing skills and your ability to present ideas coherently, concisely, and convincingly. |
| Is work experience required? | Yes . Work experience helps students grasp the practical significance of the various theories and research they study, and it helps students to complete the varied assignments that |

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| | <p>require application of theory/research to lived work experience. Thus, you should have some previous organizational experience. This may be in the form of full-time or part-time work. We also value volunteer work. We have found that the students with at least a few years of work experience thrive here while those with little to no work experience have more difficulty. If you are a current university or college senior, we strongly urge you to defer applying to our program until you have worked a year or more following your graduation.</p> |
| <p><i>Do I need to have an Undergraduate Degree in Psychology?</i></p> | <p>No. Although many of our students majored in psychology for their baccalaureate studies, it is not essential under the current 45-credit MA program. Our students come with a rich mix of undergraduate majors including biology, business, chemistry, communications, economics, engineering, English, history, political science, sociology, theology, and more.</p> |
| <p><i>Are There Supplemental Documents Needed?</i></p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p><i>How do I submit my Application?</i></p> | <p>Online. To apply for admission, please visit the Teachers College Office of Admission. The Teachers College Application System is exclusively online. You may call the Admissions Office at (212) 678-3710 for more information, or email our representative in Admissions, Nicole Siniscalchi (siniscalchi@tc.edu).</p> |
| <p><i>Application Fees:</i></p> | <p>Yes. Please see Admissions website.</p> |
| <p><i>Priority Application Deadlines (Summer/Fall):</i></p> | <p>January 15. The priority deadline is for consideration for financial aid (typically student loans).</p> |
| <p><i>Final Application Deadlines (Summer/Fall):</i></p> | <p>April 15. All applications are evaluated on their merits irrespective of the date they are received. That is, applying early does not give you an advantage in being admitted; it does, however, mean you will receive your admissions decision that much earlier.</p> |
| <p><i>Spring Application Deadline</i></p> | <p>November 1.</p> |
| <p><i>What is the time frame for admission decisions? When will I know if I have been accepted?</i></p> | <p>Applications are reviewed regularly. Generally speaking, we notify applicants around the following time periods:</p> <p>Fall and Summer Priority Applications: Mid-March to Beginning of April</p> <p>Fall and Summer Applications Received by the Final Deadline: Early May to Late May</p> <p>Spring Applications: Early December to Mid-December</p> |