Admission Procedures

Eligibility
Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid and employment. The university does not discriminate in access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability or genetic information.

Admissions
The application instructions for the upcoming fall semester are available on our Graduate Admissions webpage (https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/admissions/graduate/). Candidates cannot apply for spring enrollment.

Admissions decisions are based on the applicant's portfolio, academic records, statement of objectives and references. Applicants may be admitted to the MFA program upon completion of the BFA degree or equivalent academic preparation. Specific requirements include a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher and good writing skills.

International Student Admissions
Applicants for whom English is not the native language must submit a score report for one of the tests below in order to obtain admission to the MFA program:

1. Test for English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), including the TOEFL ITP Plus for China and the TOEFL iBT Home Edition for academic year 2021-22. The minimum acceptable scores are 90 on the TOEFL and TOEFL iBT Home Edition and 600 (with Vericant video) on the TOEFL ITP Plus for China.

2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic module, with a minimum composite score of 6.5.

3. Due to the complications of testing during the pandemic, a minimum score of 115 on the Duolingo test will also be accepted for academic year 2021-22.

To ensure that we receive your official test score results:

- TOEFL test takers must use our institution code (6929) and department code (15) when making arrangements with the testing agency for score reporting.
- IELTS score results must be delivered to us electronically via the IELTS Results Service e-Delivery system. Be sure to use the name of our E-Delivery Account: Washington University in St. Louis, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.
- Duolingo test takers must individually email their test results as a PDF attachment to the Graduate Programs Coordinator. (whitwam@wustl.edu)

TOEFL, IELTS, and Duolingo scores and the written essay do not in and of themselves presume adequate qualification for study. Functional English and familiarity with additional art-related terminology are required upon entrance in order to pass course work. In addition, international students may be interviewed prior to the issuance of an I-20 for a student visa.

International students will receive specific instructions regarding the necessary financial documentation for visa purposes when admission letters are issued.

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