FREQUENTLY ASKED ADMISSION QUESTIONS FOR

THE LEARNING, DESIGN, AND TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

You should submit your application and upload all of your application materials as early as possible. Please do not wait until the deadline since we do not review incomplete applications.

Please refer to the Graduate Admissions website for information on admissions procedures and required documents: http://www.uh.edu/education/admissions/graduate/info-request/

If you are an international applicant, please allow two extra months for the review of your transcripts.

The deadlines for the LDT Master's and Doctoral graduate programs are published here: http://www.uh.edu/education/admissions/graduate/admission-app-instructions/admission-deadlines.php

DO I NEED TO SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS?

You must submit transcripts from every college or university from which you received a degree. These must arrive by the application deadline. Contact the colleges and universities you have attended about their processes for providing official transcripts directly to UH. Electronic transcripts are accepted directly from the institution, not from the applicant.

The transcripts must show you have earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

WHAT ARE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO A UH GRADUATE PROGRAM?

Admission into a graduate program at UH has the following general minimum requirements:

Master's Programs

- Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree from an institution accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations.
- The University reserves the right to evaluate foreign credentials. In most cases, these evaluations will follow nationally accepted standard practices and will rely on standard references such as those from the World Education Series published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Offices.

- Students transferring from another graduate program must have at least a 3.00 (A=4.00) grade point average on all attempted graduate courses.

Doctoral Programs

- Applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree plus at least 30 graduate hours or a master's degree as specified by individual programs.
- Students must have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (A=4.00) on prior graduate coursework.

IS THERE A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)?

For all graduate students, the University of Houston requires a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.6.

The College of Education requires that applicants must have earned an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 for unconditional admission into a master's program. Those applicants with a GPA of less than 3.0 but not below 2.6 (A=4.0) may be admitted conditionally. Doctoral students are not admitted conditionally.

Doctoral students are expected to have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.00 (A=4.00) on prior graduate coursework.

WHAT TESTS ARE REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO A DEGREE PROGRAM IN LEARNING, DESIGN, AND TECHNOLOGY?

Please review the information on required test scores here: http://www.uh.edu/education/admissions/graduate/admission-app-instructions/test-scores.php

WHAT ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO WANT TO APPLY?

Prospective students should view the International Admissions website for information about applying as an international graduate student at The University of Houston: http://www.uh.edu/admissions/apply/international/

 International students can also visit the International Student & Scholar Services Office for more information: http://www.uh.edu/oisss/

IS AN EDUCATION BACK GROUND REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO THE LEARNING, DESIGN, AND TECHNOLOGY?

The Learning, Design, and Technology Program does NOT require an education background. LDT faculty and students have a variety of educational backgrounds, working experiences, and research interests, and we value whatever background you might bring to LDT. Admission decisions are based on whether we feel there is a strong potential for applicants to be productive, contributing students in our program as well as whether we believe that we can provide the necessary instruction and skills for students to obtain their career goals.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO RECEIVE AN ADMISSION DECISION?

The application process is very competitive, and the LDT faculty review complete applications as a group shortly after the admission deadline each semester. For the master's program, the processing times for applicants to receive an admissions decision is generally within a month after the admission deadline. For doctoral applicants, the processing time is about six weeks, since the application process includes an individual interview for finalists.

I AM A FORMER GRADUATE STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON. DO I NEED TO RE- APPLY FOR ADMISSION?

Former UH students should consult with an advisor in the COE Graduate Office for more information and specific requirements about applying. Students who have no enrollment at the University of Houston after 13 consecutive months must re-apply for admission.

For more information: http://www.uh.edu/education/admissions/graduate/info-request/

MASTER'S STUDENTS: WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY GOAL STATEMENT?

Your goal statement should not be more than 750 words and should address the following items:

- Explain why you want to enter the M.Ed. program;
- Describe your career goals and explain how your prospective degree in LDT will help you to achieve your goals;
- Describe how your professional and academic backgrounds qualify you for acceptance to the program,
- Explain how your professional interests correspond with the curricula strands and faculty expertise describing your professional background;
- Describe your reasons for seeking a graduate degree in LDT; and
- Any other information that may help us to consider your application.

The LDT faculty consider the following items in admission decision making:

- How will gaining a graduate degree help you to achieve your personal career goals?
- Can the LDT program help prepare you for your career goals?
- What is the connection between your interests and those of the faculty with whom you wish to work?
- Does your application show evidence of overall promise for becoming a contributing member of the field?
- Do you have high-quality letters of recommendation from acknowledged professionals?
- Do you have GPA and GRE assessments that demonstrate your ability to succeed in the LDT graduate program?
- (If you are required to demonstrate language proficiency): Does your TOEFL or IELTS score indicate high-proficiency with the English language?

MY GRE SCORES WERE LOW. HOW MUCH WEIGHT DO THEY CARRY IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

It is University of Houston Policy, and consistent with State of Texas statutes, that no single criterion can be utilized as the sole determiner of admission status nor can fixed weights be applied to any one criterion during the admission process. The Texas Legislature has prohibited the use of scores from standardized admission tests as the sole criterion for consideration of an applicant for admission.

The University of Houston does not set minimum GRE scores, and the LDT program faculty consider many factors when making an admission decision.

Applicants who were admitted to the LDT program in 2011-2012 generally scored above the 30th percentile in the Verbal and Quantitative sections and at or above 3.0 in Analytic Writing.

Many applicants who feel they did not perform well on the GRE choose to spend additional time preparing and then retake the test. They have the new scores sent to UH and reapply for admission.

The LDT faculty do not make recommendations to applicants about this decision.

More information about analyzing your GRE scores can be found on the ETS website: http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/about/content/

Verbal Reasoning and Quantitative Reasoning Interpretive Data Used on Score Reports (PDF): http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide_table1a.pdf

Analytical Writing Interpretative Data Used on Score Reports (PDF):
http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/gre_guide_table1b.pdf

WHO REVIEWS MY APPLICATION?

All of the LDT faculty review the applications for the master's and doctoral program in Learning, Design and Technology. Doctoral applicants are also reviewed by the Curriculum and Instruction Admissions Committee. Finalists for the doctoral program are also interviewed.

HOW CAN I DETERMINE THE STATUS OF MY APPLICATION?

For most graduate programs, you can monitor the status of your application by logging on to *my*UH: https://myuh.uh.edu/ You will also receive regular updates by e-mail. Please check with the COE Graduate Office to determine if all of your application materials have been submitted. The LDT program faculty do not review incomplete applications.

HOW MANY STUDENTS DOES THE LDT PROGRAM ADMIT EVERY YEAR?

There is no set number of Master's or Doctoral students who are admitted every year to the LDT program. We evaluate every applicant on an individual basis. At the doctoral level, we consider an applicant's research interests and potential for doctoral level work as well as the match to a faculty member's research and scholarship. We value strong relationships between our faculty and students, and our doctoral students receive personalized degree plans and individual mentoring throughout their program.

HOW DOES THE FACULTY MAKE ADMISSIONS DECISIONS?

Because graduate and professional studies are highly specialized, the criteria for admission to the LDT program were developed by the faculty in the program. We look at a number of factors, including how well we are able to provide what the applicant needs to succeed in his/her career goal. We also consider an applicant's academic record as well as their ability to succeed in our program.

MY APPLICATION WAS TURNED DOWN. CAN I REAPPLY? HOW CAN I IMPROVE MY APPLICATION?

You may reapply. However, we recommended that you look carefully at the questions we use in decision making and consider ways you can improve your suitability to graduate study.