

**SOKA**  
UNIVERSITY



GRADUATE SCHOOL

**MASTER OF ARTS IN  
EDUCATION LEADERSHIP  
& SOCIETAL CHANGE**

**APPLICATION FOR  
GRADUATE ADMISSION**

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## Application Procedure

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The Graduate School Office strives to ensure the successful mission of Soka University of America (SUA), which is “to foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life.” Toward that end, students are sought who share those qualities and aspirations that personify the SUA spirit. In addition to academic excellence, the decision to admit an applicant to the program is based on a combination of the following criteria, evaluated from a complete application:

- Ability to complete a rigorous program of academic study successfully, as evidenced by successful completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a satisfactory, above-average GPA, demonstration of suitable quantitative and writing skills, and letters of recommendation
- Strong writing skills demonstrated through the successful completion of an appropriate writing course during the undergraduate experience
- Clear professional and scholarly goals in keeping with the mission of the MA program

The Graduate School has a policy of limited enrollment and all applications are reviewed competitively by the Admission Committee. The Committee conducts an in-depth review of every application. Attention is given to every aspect of an application, with an attempt made to evaluate past achievement as well as potential to develop as a thoughtful scholar and active practitioner in the field of educational leadership. Although the successful SUA applicants will have excellent academic records, good grades and strong test scores are not enough by themselves for an applicant to be accepted; all checklist items are taken into consideration in the review process.

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## Application Checklist Information

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All application requirements must be received by SUA by **February 15th, 2021** in order to be considered for admission. Materials should be mailed to the address given below. Emailed and faxed documents will not be accepted.

**Mail to:**  
Soka University of America  
Office of Admission  
1 University Drive  
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

An electronic pdf checklist of all application requirements can be downloaded at [www.soka.edu/admission/graduate-admission](http://www.soka.edu/admission/graduate-admission).

# Application for Graduate Admission

## MA in Educational Leadership and Societal Change

### Instructions

Please fill out the application completely; incomplete applications will not be considered. The application is only one of the requirements to be considered for admission; please refer to the graduate checklist for information on supplementary materials. Emailed and faxed documents will not be accepted.

Please send paper application materials to:

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Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions with any questions regarding the application process.

By Email: [grad\\_admissions@soka.edu](mailto:grad_admissions@soka.edu) By Phone: 888-600-SOKA (toll free)  
949-480-4150

### Personal Information

Select your desired start term:

- Fall 2021: Deadline for submission February 15, 2021  
 Fall 2022: Deadline for submission February 15, 2022

Name

Last (Family) First Middle Suffix

Permanent  
Legal Home  
Address

Preferred First Other Last Names Used

Number Street Apartment No.

City State / Province Postal Code Country

Current Mailing  
Address  
(if different  
from the above)

Number Street Apartment No.

City State / Province Postal Code Country

Contact

Email Home Telephone Number Mobile Telephone Number

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

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## Biographical Details

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Primary Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

If you have dual citizenship, please indicate your other country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Demographic Information

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Sex  Female  
 Intersex  
 Male

If you would like the opportunity, we invite you to share more about your gender identity below:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Colleges and universities are asked by many groups, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, and newspapers, to describe the ethnic/racial backgrounds of their students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following two questions. You are not required to provide a response.

Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino?  Yes  
 No

How are you most comfortable describing yourself? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> African American / Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Hispanic American	<input type="checkbox"/> White / Caucasian
<input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnicity	

Details of ethnic background or heritage

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What is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Academic History

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### High School / Secondary School Information

(Please list the last  
high school attended)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of secondary / high school

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended (from - to)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation (date, diploma earned)

### College / University Information

Applicants must list all colleges and universities previously attended, in chronological order. Use additional paper if necessary. Official transcripts from all schools listed must be sent to SUA.

A.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of college or university

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended (from - to)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation (dates, degree)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major

B.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of college or university

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended (from - to)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation (dates, degree)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major

C.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of college or university

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates attended (from - to)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation (dates, degree)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major

## Current Employment

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Please enter your current or most recent employment information

Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of Employment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position Title

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## Financial Aid

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Do you plan to apply for financial aid?

Yes

No

## Disciplinary Record

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Have you ever been suspended or expelled from a college / university?

Yes

No

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide a brief written explanation, providing dates and circumstances.

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## Application Fee

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A non-refundable application processing fee of \$45 USD must accompany this application. Soka University of America only accepts checks drawn from a US bank or international money order. Please make your check or money order payable to Soka University of America.

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## Statement of Agreement

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Please read the below certification statement. After signing your application, you may submit it. Please note that your application will not be reviewed until we have received all checklist requirements for your application. After submitting your application, you will receive instructions in how to login to your application status portal to manage/upload your checklist requirements.

I certify the following:

- The information on this application is complete and correct.
- I have attended, or am attending, no institutions other than those listed.
- I have completed this application by myself and that the information I have provided is complete and truthful.
- I understand that misrepresentation of facts on this application will invalidate the application.
- I understand that all documents submitted for admission consideration become the property of Soka University of America and will not be returned to me, nor duplicated for me, for any reason.
- I understand that acceptance to SUA is subject to verification of final records from all institutions I have attended and that the application fee is nonrefundable.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

Soka University of America does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, national origin, ancestry, marital status, disability, age or citizenship.