



- Application**
Visit <http://www.soka.edu/apply> to start your application.
- Application Fee**
\$45 for submitting a paper application or \$30 for submitting the Soka Online Application. Payments can be made online through your GoSoka! Account (<http://admissions.soka.edu/status>). Payments may also be mailed to the Admissions Office. The University requests that payment of all fees (application fee, tuition deposit, etc.) be in the form of a check drawn on a US bank or an International Postal Order and in USD.
- Academic Transcripts**
Applicants should request that all previous academic institution(s) send an official transcript covering all undergraduate studies (and graduate studies if any) directly to the Office of Admission at Soka University of America. Only official transcripts that are signed, stamped and sealed, or otherwise certified, by the issuing institution will be accepted.

Work in progress will be considered in fulfillment of requirements. Admission may be granted subject to the filing of final transcripts, before enrollment, showing satisfactory completion of work in progress.
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
A copy of your Resume or CV is required for all applicants. This document will outline your experiences and skills as they relate to the graduate program.
- Personal Statement**
Please write a brief statement describing your background, past work in your intended field of study, your goals for graduate study and a professional career, experience and any other information you feel is relevant.
- Academic Writing Sample**
An academic writing sample is required for all applicants. This should be a college-level research paper written for one of your classes or, if required for your undergraduate degree, a senior thesis. Less important than the topic is that the paper you submit is the strongest sample you have of your writing and research skills as a student. It is not necessary to include the grade or the instructor's comments with your submission.
- Two Recommendations**
Ask two individuals qualified to evaluate your educational background and/or academic and professional achievement to complete a recommendation for you. Electronic recommendation forms can be sent to your recommenders through the Soka Online Application. The official recommender form is also available to print from Soka's webpage: <http://www.soka.edu/admission/graduate-admission/how-apply>.
- English Proficiency**
Applicants for whom English is not their native language will need to demonstrate English proficiency by submitting TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or Duolingo English Test results. It is preferred for applicants to pass the TOEFL iBT exam with a minimum score of 100 or pass the Duolingo English Test with a minimum score of 120 (160 scale).
- Official GRE or MAT Test Scores (Optional)**
For Fall 2022 applications, Soka University will be "test optional." Test scores will not be required for admission consideration.

For those who would like to send their test scores, Soka's GRE school code is 4720 and Soka's MAT school code is 3458. Test scores will be official if the examination scores of the GRE or MAT are sent directly to Soka University by the testing agency. The Office of Admission does not accept GRE or MAT scores older than five years from the testing date.

Please note: Within 3 business days of receiving your application, Soka University will send you a username and password via email with instructions for logging into our GoSoka! system. It is the applicants/students responsibility to ensure that all of their documents have been received by the Office of Graduate Admission by the deadline. Soka does not accept faxed, emailed or late documents.

You can mail your documents directly to Soka at:

Soka University of America
Attention: Admission
1 University Drive
Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

If you have any questions, you can contact us via email at: grad_admissions@soka.edu or call us at 888.600.SOKA.