

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
IMPORTANT M.A. APPLICATION INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The enclosed application is for the full time M.A. program which takes approximately two years to complete. The M.A. degree requires 30 credits.

APPLICATION FEE

The State University of New York requires a fee of \$35.00 for application to this degree of study. Please enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$35.00 in U.S. currency (made out to "State University of New York at Buffalo"), and return it with the application to our Department. (In certain cases upon written request, international students may request a deferral.)

GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE)

The Graduate Record Exam is an important item in our evaluation of prospective graduate students. It is necessary that we have the results of the GRE exam before we make decisions on whether to admit applicants to our program. Therefore, please arrange to take the GRE examination and have the scores sent directly to us. We will waive this exam only in exceptional circumstances.

You should take the GRE General Test (Verbal, Quantitative, Analytical).

Please have your GRE scores reported directly by the Educational Testing Services. The Institution Code at Buffalo is 2925. Do not use any other Institution Code to report your test scores to this University.

FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION: Because the length of the M.A. program is two years, all international applicants must document finances for two years. (Only one bank statement showing the first year amount needs to be attached to the form.) The form is enclosed and should be returned with your application materials along with the appropriate documentation attached. We cannot process your application without this form if you are admitted.

TOEFL: All applicants who are not native speakers of English (including those transferring from other U.S. colleges or universities) must prove their English language proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and having their score reported directly to this University. SUNY at Buffalo requires a minimum TOEFL score of 550 for admission. Only scores from tests taken within two years prior to the start of the program are acceptable. For example, for Fall 1998 admissions, we will only accept TOEFL scores dated 8/96 or newer. The only exception is students who scored

550 or better in a TOEFL prior to enrolling in a U.S. college or university may present that earlier TOEFL score to satisfy the language requirement. Further information about the TOEFL may be obtained from the U.S. Embassy or U.S. Information Service in your country or by writing the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540-6151, U.S.A.