

# Antioch University Los Angeles

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## **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION MA in URBAN SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM**

**OUR ADMISSION PHILOSOPHY:** Admission to a graduate program at Antioch University Los Angeles is a two-way process. You and Antioch will communicate about your background, your experience and your goals, exploring the fit between your educational needs and the University's programs.

Your admission to the MA in Urban Sustainability Program will *not* be based primarily on traditional criteria such as test scores, grade-point average and academic standing. Through a personal interview and through your written application and essay, you will provide us with information about yourself as an individual and as an advocate for sustainability and social change to supplement our review of your academic transcripts, work experience and letters of recommendation. Although Antioch University does not require standardized test scores for admissions, you are welcome to submit applicable GRE and/or other graduate-level outcomes. The most important factors in determining admissions are the various components of the admissions dialogue. The goal of the application process is a well-informed decision about whether you are right for Antioch and Antioch is right for you.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE:**

Fall/Winter 2010 Semester: August 15, 2010

Spring/Summer 2011 Semester: February 15, 2011

### **RESIDENCY DATES:**

October 19 — October 24, 2010

January 20 – January 23, 2011

April 19 – April 24, 2011

July 21 – July 24, 2011

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:** In order to be considered for admission to Antioch's MA program, the following materials must be received by our Admissions Office. Please direct all correspondence and address all materials directly to the Office of Admissions. These materials become part of your file and cannot be returned.

- (1) A completed **Application Form**. You may submit a paper application or apply online at [www.antiochla.edu](http://www.antiochla.edu).
- (2) The non-refundable **Application Fee** of \$60.00, submitted with your completed application form. You may pay by check (payable to Antioch University) or credit card.
- (3) A set of **Official Transcripts** from all previously attended institutions of higher education, including the institution from which you received your accredited bachelor's degree. A student copy of a transcript may be submitted with your application, but you cannot be fully admitted until the official transcript is received. If you are an Antioch BA student, you still must provide an official transcript.
- (4) Your typed **Admissions Dialogue and Essay** with the completed Application Form. (Please see last page for details)
- (5) Two *current* **Letters of Recommendation** from individuals who can comment on your qualifications for the program. We prefer letters from former teachers or others who are well acquainted with your contributions to the field of sustainability. In addition, at least one of these letters of recommendation should address your ability to work well on your own because in a low-residency program, high levels of self-discipline and self-direction are required of the student.

**THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** As the last step in the application process, you will participate in a personal interview with a faculty member. This conversation will provide an opportunity for you to present your goals and qualifications. The interview is also intended to give you an opportunity to ask questions about Antioch and the Urban Sustainability Program. The interview can be conducted in person or via telephone depending on the availability of the applicant and faculty member. When all your materials have been received in the Admissions Office and your file is complete, the Admissions Advisor will contact you to arrange an interview appointment.

**THE ADMISSION DECISION:** A decision about your application will be reached by the middle of September for the Fall semester, and by middle of March for the Spring semester, once all the necessary materials have been received and interview has been completed. Delays mainly occur when official transcripts or letters of recommendation do not reach our office. We cannot consider your application until your file is complete!

You will be notified by mail of Antioch's decision. Very late decisions will be communicated by telephone followed by an official letter. You are welcome to contact the Admissions Office to check on your application status.

**LATE APPLICATIONS:** Applications that are not completed until after the formal admissions deadline may be considered only if space remains in the cohort for that term, and if materials can be processed in time for registration. All other late applications will be deferred until the following term.

**THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION:** The Financial Aid application process is an entirely separate process from the Admission application process and you must apply early to ensure meeting deadlines. Go online to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> immediately and complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You should complete a FAFSA even if you are not certain about enrollment or about your need for financial aid. You will need to designate Antioch University Los Angeles as a recipient of your Student Aid Report (SAR), with the following code: **E00554**. After you submit your FAFSA online, contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance with AULA's financial aid and scholarship applications. Financial aid officers can be contacted at (310) 578-1080 ext. 410. Information from your financial aid application may be released to University officials for consideration in awarding scholarships.

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES SERVICES:** If you need an accommodation during the admissions process, please make the request to the person with whom you are working in the Admissions Office. If you do decide to come to Antioch and need an accommodation, please contact Mindi Aleme at (310) 578-1080 ext. 208 to learn more about procedures for requesting accommodations.

**ACCREDITATION:** Antioch University Los Angeles is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Antioch is approved for Veterans Administration benefits in the state of California, and is certified by the Department of Justice to accept students on F-1 visas. Supplemental information is required of F-1 visa applicants. Contact the Admissions Office for further information.

Founded in 1852, Antioch has always been a pioneer in higher education. It was the first college to hold co-ed classes, the first to award a full professorship to a woman, and one of the first to open its admissions to students of all ethnicities. It was the first college to develop a curriculum that included work and study. All Antioch programs have as their cornerstone a commitment to academic excellence, experiential learning, and community service. Antioch University does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, dis/ability or national origin. Information about a student's ethnicity, age, and gender is required, but used for statistical purposes only.
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# Admissions Dialogue and Essay

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**Admissions Dialogue:** Please respond to the following.

- (1) Describe your decision to apply to Antioch's MA in Urban Sustainability Program. Include your thoughts on how the graduate program will contribute to you reaching your academic and professional goals.
- (2) Is there information (in addition to what appears on your transcript) that you would like us to know as we evaluate your academic record?
- (3) What in your background gives evidence of your ability to work well independently?

**Admissions Essay:** In 5-10 typewritten pages, please define “urban sustainability”. Please include as a part of this discussion authors and texts that have been influential in your development of this definition. Then describe your past and current roles working in this field, especially those experiences specifically connected with serving as an advocate of sustainable policies and practices. Then tell us what future contribution(s) you see yourself making following the completion of this degree.