

## GRE ADMISSION POLICY CHANGES

### Graduate Record Exam (GRE):

Official GRE test scores must be on file before an applicant's materials will be reviewed – no exceptions. The GRE test measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, and critical thinking and analytical writing skills. It is a gauge of your undergraduate preparation for graduate study. Applicants can register for the GRE and take practice tests online at [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org). SUU requires a minimum combined GRE score of 290 and a 4.0 on the analytical writing sections for full admission consideration. Applicants not meeting this standard may be eligible for conditional admission consideration. Contact the Graduate Director for more information. The GRE should be taken in a time frame allowing scores to be submitted simultaneously with the application in order to meet admission deadlines. There is no requirement to take a GRE subject test.

### SOME APPLICANTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO WAIVE THE GRE IF THEY MEET ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

#### CONDITION 1:

Applicants who have an overall GPA of 3.7 or higher from an accredited institution. Applicants who have a 3.7 or higher GPA in their major or their last 60 hours of upper division course work are also eligible. Applicants requesting this accommodation must indicate such in their letter of intent.

#### CONDITION 2:

Applicants who complete a graduate course in the SUU Communication Department program and earn a B or better grade. Through written permission from the Graduate Director or Department Chair, applicants may take 1 or 2 graduate courses before formally applying to the MA in Professional Communication program. Applicants requesting this accommodation must indicate such in their letter of intent.

#### CONDITION 3:

Applicants who have 3 or more years of professional communication experience in an appropriate field/industry may request to have the GRE waived. Such cases require a specific letter documenting/justifying the request accompanied by a professional resume to substantiate work history. This information should be included with the letter of intent. The Graduate Council will review each request and notify the applicant in writing regarding the decision.