How to Apply for Graduate School
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When to Begin
- Applying to graduate school immediately from undergraduate
  - Begin researching graduate programs prior to or during the spring of Junior year
- Taking time off before applying is not discouraged
  - Work experience in the field can aide in the application process

Researching Programs
- Reputation
  - Accreditation, competitiveness, possible peer and faculty reviews
- Geographic location
- Financial
  - What kind of assistance is offered
- Promoted Practices
  - Theories, Practice

Applying
- Deadlines vary between programs
  - Most masters programs are in early spring
  - Applying early increases chances for financial aid and allows room for error
- Apply to several programs if desired and possible
  - Try to have 2 fallback universities

Application
- 2-3 letters of recommendation
  - Professors, Employers, Advisors
  - Give plenty of time for completion before deadlines
  - Even if taking time off ask for letters
- Personal statement
  - Express goals, interests in field, background, personal attributes
- Graduate Admission Test Scores
  - Certain programs require a specific test result
- Undergraduate Transcript
  - Must be an official college transcript
- Resume or Vita
  - Vita is more descriptive
- Application Fee
  - $40- $90
References


