

### ADMISSIONS ESSAY AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay of 500 words or more on the topic applicable to your program of interest. Please also note any additional program requirements as indicated.

#### ACCOUNTING

Describe your personal and career goals, as well as your expectations of how this degree will contribute to your professional development.

#### BIOLOGY

Please explain why you are interested in this program and what your goals are for one and five years after graduation. Generally, two letters of recommendation are required. If your overall undergraduate GPA is below 3.0, you must submit three letters of recommendation.

#### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) CERTIFICATE IN EXECUTIVE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

Please indicate which track in the MBA program you wish to pursue (strategy and entrepreneurship, healthcare management, or executive leadership for women), then describe your personal and career goals, as well as your expectations of how this degree will contribute to your professional development.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Please indicate which track in the MA in Communications program you wish to pursue (environmental communications, health communications, or strategic communications), then describe your personal and career goals, as well as your expectations of how this degree will contribute to your professional development.

#### COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (PsyD)

Provide three to five double spaced pages or 750-1,250 words on: 1) What has led you to pursue doctoral study in psychology and how do you hope this study will shape your future, and 2) Describe your thoughts about how change occurs in people – what the change process involves.

#### COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY (MS)

Describe a situation where you were called upon to use your counseling skills. How did you respond to the situation? How would you expect graduate training in counseling to augment these skills? A current copy of your curriculum vitae or résumé must also be submitted.

#### CREATIVE WRITING (MFA, FULL RESIDENCY)

State the genre in which you will be applying, detail your strengths as a writer, and identify your reasons for wanting to enter Chatham's MFA in Creative Writing program. You must also submit a writing sample(s) totaling 20 pages in your genre of interest. One copy of the sample(s) should be submitted on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper, unbound.

#### FILM AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY (MFA)

Three to five page statement of previous experience and goals in the field.

#### FOOD STUDIES

Describe your experiences and interests in food, sustainability, and/or agriculture, as well as your expectations of how this degree will contribute to your professional development.

#### INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Please explain why you would like to pursue a graduate degree in interior architecture. A current copy of your curriculum vitae or résumé must also be submitted.

#### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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#### SUSTAINABILITY (MASTER'S DEGREE OR CERTIFICATES)

Each applicant should submit a one to two page letter that explains the motivation to join an interdisciplinary sustainability program

#### TEACHING (MASTER'S DEGREE OR CERTIFICATION)

- Identify the area of certification you wish to pursue with the MAT program.
- What do you believe is one of the most serious problems facing American education today and how might you, as a teacher, begin to make a difference for your students?

#### OTHER

If you do not see your graduate program of interest listed here, please contact Graduate Admissions at 800-837-1290 for more information on the required essay.