Dear Prospective Graduate Student:

Thank you for your interest in graduate studies in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering (CEE) at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. SIUC is located in the heart of Southern Illinois, a region known for its natural beauty, an assortment of cultures, outdoor recreation, and its strong support for this university. The CEE department offers advanced study in areas of structural engineering, environmental engineering, geotechnical engineering and water resources engineering. Our classes are taught primarily by tenured and tenure track faculty, and we hope you will be learning in and enjoying our unique and rewarding courses in the near future.

The Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering now offers two graduate degree options:

1) **Master of Science in Civil Engineering** (MS). The MS requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of acceptable graduate credit, including a minimum 3 hours of CE599 Thesis. Candidates applying for admission must provide valid GRE scores and pass a comprehensive oral examination of their graduate work, including a written thesis. Qualified MS candidates are considered for teaching and for research assistantships.

2) **Master of Engineering in Civil Engineering** (ME). The ME requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of acceptable graduate credit. ME candidates are required to complete CE593 (Civil Engineering Project) OR an additional 500 level course. This is a non-research degree – teaching and/or research assistantships are not available from the department, nor would this be a suitable track to pursue a Ph.D.

The Graduate School is a paperless office and all applicants apply on-line. During the on-line application process, you will be given the opportunity to pay the $65 application fee via credit card. Please follow the application instructions (see below) and upload the required documents. There are also required original materials that should be mailed directly to the CEE department. When the fee, forms, documentation, and references are complete, and on file in the CEE department, your application will be reviewed by the department’s Graduate Program Committee.

Files must be complete and all application materials received by the department no later than September 1 for spring admission or March 1 for fall admission. Please utilize SIU’s website as it is an excellent resource to answer your questions and learn about our campus.

Sincerely,

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ONLY complete applications will be reviewed. Continue to check your online account for documents still needed.

CRITERIA for an admission recommendation by CEE
A. **GPA requirement** of: 3.0 in your last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework. (A=4.0)
B. Minimum **GRE requirements** are:
   Verbal – 146 (400 old scale), Quantitative – 147 (570 old scale) and Analytical Writing – 3.5.
C. Minimum requirement for the **TOEFL** is:
   80 (internet based) or 550 (test center) or 220 (computer based).
   Your TOEFL must be less than two years old at the time of registration. **IELTS** is accepted in
d place of the TOEFL and must be a minimum of 6.5.
D. Requirements for GRE verbal and analytical writing may be waived if student’s
   TOEFL score is greater than 82 (internet testing), 570 (test center) or 230 (computer based) or
   IELTS score is 7 or higher, and He/she possesses good communication skills.
E. **Testing Codes:** SIUC – 1726 and Civil & Environmental Engineering Department code – 1102.

APPLICATION PROCESS – Student
2. $65 application fee paid
3. Mail an application packet of the following materials to the address at bottom of this checklist
   1. Copy of your Graduate School application
   2. Statement of Purpose; include research experiences/goals
   3. Official* transcripts of all college/universities attended.
   4. Examinee copy of GRE scores (ETS must send an original report to SIU)
4. Complete the following to finalize your application within the department
   1. Three letters of recommendations; submit online or include with your application packet
   2. Official* GRE Score Report mailed directly to CEE department from ETS (department code 1102).
   SIU does not accept electronic GRE scores

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*Official is defined as a document that has the required official seals/signatures and is received by the department in an
envelope sealed by the issuing institution/organization. The following are NOT official: student copies, certified copies or
attested copies.*