

MCRP FAQs

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1. Q: Where can I find the instructions and details for Cal State Apply?

A: You should find everything you need at the graduate education website (<https://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/graduate/process.html>)

2. Q: Where do I email my letters of recommendation?

A: All required letters of recommendation MUST be submitted to Cal State Apply by the deadline for your application to be considered.

3. Q: How long should the writing sample be?

A: 5-10 pages. You must be the sole author.

4. Q: I graduated from Cal Poly SLO. Will I still need to send my transcripts to the registrar, as I am assuming they already have this info internally?

A: Unofficial transcripts MUST be uploaded by all applicants (including Cal Poly undergraduates) thru Cal State Apply; Official transcripts MUST be sent to the Cal Poly Admissions Office.

5. Q: Can applicants add additional contacts for letters of recommendations? I would like to submit two academic and two professional references if possible.

A: Yes

6. Q: Would a professional document (such as a report or grant application be an appropriate writing sample or is an academic paper preferred?

A: Yes, as long as you are the sole author and they demonstrate your writing abilities.

7. Q: Regarding the Letter of Recommendations, should I have each of my recommenders send their letters directly to the CRP department or should I ask them to give me the letter so I can compile a package containing all the supplemental materials and send it to the department all at once?

A: All letters of recommendation must be uploaded to Cal State Apply directly by the person writing the recommendation. Letters of recommendation should not be sent by you on behalf of your recommenders.

8. Q: I am looking for the deadline for the Master of CRP applications.

A: Deadlines for Fall are April 1st for applications and May 1st for supplemental materials submission. Winter deadlines are November 1st and December 1st for applications and file submissions, respectively.

9. Q: Do you accept winter applications?

A: Yes, we do accept winter quarter applications .

10. Q: Do I need to have all the prerequisite classes before I apply for the dual degree MCRP/MS program?

A: You do not need to have the prerequisites BEFORE applying. You only need to satisfy them during the course of your studies. You can choose to take those courses in a Community College or at Cal Poly, whichever is most convenient for you.

11. Q: Can I change to the dual degree program (MCRP and MS Transportation Planning) after I'm accepted in to the MCRP Program?

A: Yes. You can change your degree objective to the dual degree program after you are enrolled. This is actually the recommended path most participants take to the joint degree.

12. Q: Are GRE scores required when applying for the MCRP program?

A: All applicants to master's degree programs will be required to complete the general GRE exam, except those students with a degree from Cal Poly.
All Official GRE scores must be submitted directly to the Cal Poly Admissions Office.
Applicants are to self-report GRE scores thru their Cal State Apply application and the system will verify if the GRE scores have been sent to Cal Poly.

13. Q: Do applicants who have a previous master's degree need to take the GRE?

A: See #12

14. Q: When does the application review process start?

A: CRP starts reviewing MCRP applications around the second week in January.

15. Q: If I have a bachelor's degree from another university but am enrolled in a credential program at Cal Poly, do I need to take the GRE?

A: Yes

16. Q: I am applying to Cal Poly's MCRP Program and want to know where the writing sample should be uploaded to in the online application?

A: The fields for uploading documents in the "Documents" area of the "program Materials" section have all fields labeled either for transcripts or test scores. However, these fields can be used to upload ANY documents and applicants should upload the requested information here (personal statement, writing sample, etc).

17. Q: The online application's statement of purpose character limit is 3,700. Is this in-line with the program's expectations for length?

A: No, this is just the limit set within the application. You are more than welcome to upload your Statement of Purpose in the "documents" section as noted in question 17.

18. Q: If I am a Cal Poly student and getting ready to graduate or am a past graduate, do I need to submit official transcripts, since they are "in house"?

A: No, Cal Poly students do not need to send OFFICIAL transcripts from Cal Poly. **HOWEVER**, you **DO** need to upload an unofficial transcript to your Cal State Apply (can be a screen shot of your Poly Profile) **AND**, you **DO** need to provide BOTH unofficial (to Cal State Apply) and official transcripts (to Cal Poly Admissions Office) from any OTHER institutions, if you have attended any other college or university besides Cal Poly.