The MA in Aging Studies program will consider graduate admission applications, dependent upon the availability of facilities and resources, from candidates who meet the criteria approved by the Council on Graduate Studies, the University President and the Board of Trustees, and published in the Eastern Illinois University Graduate Catalog.

To be eligible for admission for the MA in Aging Studies, in accordance with the Graduate School, international students must have:

1. Obtained a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution approved by Eastern Illinois University
2. A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 out of 4.00 (or equivalent)
3. A Test of English Language (TOEFL):
   1. Paper-Based TOEFL: 550 points
   2. Internet-Based TOEFL: 79 points
   3. IELTS: 6.5 on the Academic Module
   4. MELAB: 77
   5. STEP EIKEN: Grade 1
   6. iTEP Academic Plus: 5.0 overall assessment

\*English Proficiency Requirements can be waived under the following circumstances:

-You have successfully completed 24 semester hours of academic credit from a U.S. college or university, or

-You have completed Level 112 courses with a Certificate of Proficiency from an ELS Language Center in the U.S., or

-You have successfully completed two consecutive years of courses in a country where English is the primary language and medium of instruction (within the past two years).

-You have successfully completed Graduate Student English (Level 7) at the Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

-You have successfully completed the Proficiency Level, Certificate of Achievement from Kaplan International Colleges.

-You have successfully completed the Advanced Proficiency Level (APL) at one of The Language Company centers in the United States.

1. A 2-3 page writing sample that includes references and citations utilizing APA format that addresses the following:
   1. Briefly discuss the discipline of aging/gerontology within the United States
   2. Describe a current issue or trend in aging through a self-determined example
   3. Explain how a degree in aging studies will assist you in achieving your professional and career goals