

If you would like to be considered for the Lauder Masters in International Studies Program, please complete the information below and email it to Kenric Tsethlikai, Managing Director, at kenric@wharton.upenn.edu **and** Marcy Bevan, Director for Admissions, at bevanm@wharton.upenn.edu. Please also include an up-to-date resume with your application. To learn more about Lauder and the admissions process visit our [website](#).

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Undergraduate Institution _____ Graduation Date _____

Undergraduate Degree & Major _____

Graduate Institution (if applicable) _____ Graduation Date _____

Graduate Degree & Major (if applicable) _____

I. Lauder Essay

Please explain why you are currently applying to Lauder. How do you expect the JD/MA Lauder joint-degree experience to benefit you on both a professional and personal level? (1,000 words)

II. Academic Program of Concentration

Please indicate the non-native language program (and corresponding region) for which you are applying to indicate your interest in the Global Program.

East Asia:

Chinese (Mandarin)

Japanese

Europe:

French

German

Russian

Latin America:

Portuguese

Spanish

Middle East:

Arabic

South Asia:

Hindi

Global:

Global Program

III. Self-Assessment of Language

What is your native language(s)? _____

List any non-native language(s) in which you have some proficiency in the boxes below. Rate your listening, reading, writing, and speaking abilities based on the following scale: 0=novice, 5=native proficiency. Oral Proficiency Guidelines can be found at: <http://actflproficiencyguidelines2012.org/>

Language	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
<i>For example: Japanese</i>	3	2	1	2

Language Learning Experience

Please describe in detail how you acquired your language skills including reading and writing –for example, speaking with parents at home, through formal education (high school, college, institute, etc.), and experience living/working abroad.

Language	Duration	When	Where
<i>For example: Japanese</i>	4 yrs	1995-1999	Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont USA
Japanese	2 yrs	1999-2001	Sapporo, Japan; Japan English Teaching Program

International/Cross-cultural Experience:

List any countries, other than your home country, in which you have studied or worked, the duration of your international experience (years/months), when you were there (mm/yr-mm/yr), and the purpose of your stay. Please do not include international vacations.

Country	Duration	When	Purpose
<i>For example: Mexico</i>	6 mos.	1/02-6/02	Consulting assignment with BCG
Sweden	1 yr	7/93-6/94	High school exchange student

IV. OPI Testing Information

An OPI is required of all Lauder applicants and must be arranged, scheduled, and completed with [Language Testing International \(LTI\)](#). The OPI is a live 20-30 minute conversation, taking place over the phone, between a trained, certified [ACTFL](#) tester and the candidate. To schedule an OPI, complete and submit LTI's [online application](#). When scheduling your OPI, please be sure to register as a Lauder applicant with LTI. The OPI must be scheduled and completed with LTI.

The OPI may be completed any time after August 1, 2014 to count for the current admissions cycle, but it must be completed within two weeks after submitting your Lauder Application. This will ensure that the results are available when the Admissions Committee reviews the complete application. If you have any questions about the OPI or about scheduling your OPI please contact LTI by telephone at +1 914-963-7110 (extension 115 or 127) or by email at testing@languageTesting.com. When scheduling your OPI, please be sure to register as a Lauder applicant with LTI. Please consult with the Lauder admissions office if you have questions regarding the program and/or language requirements.

Date of OPI (mm/dd/yy) _____ Language of OPI _____ OPI rating (if known) _____
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For applicants to one of Lauder’s nine language programs: An OPI in the proposed non-native language of study is required of all Lauder applicants, and an Advanced rating is typically the expected level for admission to Lauder’s language programs. However, native level Spanish, French, or Italian speakers are eligible for the Portuguese program without prior knowledge of Portuguese. These applicants should test in their native level language (Spanish, French, or Italian), and in these cases a Superior rating is expected for admission. Native level Spanish, French, or Italian speakers who speak some Portuguese should test in Portuguese even if they expect their rating to be below Advanced.

For applicants to Lauder’s Global Program: Two oral proficiency interviews (OPIs) in languages other than English are required of all applicants to the Global Program, and applicants are expected to show strong proficiency in both of languages by receiving at least one Superior score and a second score in the Advanced to Superior range. Applicants may test in their native language provided it is not English.

V. Additional Information

1. For current Penn Law 1L students:

- a. Please contact Sherita Ragins, Administrative Coordinator Registrar’s office, via email at sragins@law.upenn.edu to have a copy of your law school application (with transcripts with but without letters of recommendation) sent to Kenric Tsethlikai at Lauder.
- b. Provide Lauder with a copy of your first semester grades when they become available.
- c. Application deadlines are as follows:
 - i. Application Deadline: December 1, 2014
 - ii. Decision Release Date: January 23, 2015 (if not sooner)

2. For those applying to Penn Law and Lauder simultaneously

- a. Please contact Stephanie Thistle, Assistant Director of Admissions, via email at sthistle@law.upenn.edu to request a copy of your law school application and CAS report (with transcripts but without letters of recommendation) sent to Kenric Tsethlikai at Lauder.
- b. Application deadlines are as follows:
 - i. Application Deadline: March 2, 2015
 - ii. Decision Release Date: By May 29, 2015 (if not sooner)
- c. Accepted Lauder applicants who applied at the same time as they applied to Penn Law are asked to retake the OPI during their 1L year to ensure their language proficiency has remained at the appropriate level. More information will be provided at the time of acceptance but you are always welcome to contact the admissions office with questions about the process.