GRADUATE DEGREE-SEEKING
STUDENT ADMISSION

University-Wide Admission Requirements
In order to be considered for unconditional admission to a graduate program, an applicant must submit a graduate application along with a nonrefundable application fee and meet the following criteria:

1. Earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States or have proof of equivalent training at a foreign institution.
2. A minimum grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) from an awarded master’s or bachelor’s degree. Departments may consider the grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 semester credit hours.
3. Completed at least 18 semester credit hours (12 of which must be at the upper-division level) or foreign institution equivalent coursework in the area or areas in which the graduate degree is sought or in related areas as determined by the Graduate Program Committee for the proposed major.
4. Program specific, an official GRE/GMAT score may be required. Please check program requirements.
5. International applicants whose native language is not English must also submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). For more information on which countries qualify for a waiver, please see the International Graduate Student Admission section.
6. Meet additional admission criteria set forth by the graduate program of interest (see program descriptions in the Graduate Catalog).

Admission decisions are based on a careful holistic review of all aspects of the applicant’s file including standardized tests, undergraduate grade point average, letters of recommendation, research and teaching experience, etc. Some graduate programs have additional admissions criteria that applicants must meet; please see the individual listings under Graduate School Website and contact individual programs for full details.

Please note that meeting the above minimum standards does not guarantee admission because the number of qualified applicants far exceeds the number of spaces available. Consequently, many well-qualified applicants may not be admitted.

Graduate applicants are admitted to the Graduate School in one of two classifications: graduate degree-seeking or special graduate (non-degree seeking). Additionally, provisional limitations of conditional or conditional on academic probation may be used in conjunction with admission.

Graduate Degree-Seeking
A graduate degree-seeking student is one admitted to a graduate degree program. Admission as a graduate degree-seeking student may be unconditional, conditional, or conditional on academic probation.

Unconditional Admission
An applicant who has met the University-wide admission criteria and admitted unconditionally upon recommendation of the Graduate Program Committee and approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Conditional Admission
An applicant who has insufficient preparation in his or her intended graduate degree program and does not meet the criteria for conditional admission basis may be admitted on academic probation upon recommendation of the Graduate Program Committee and approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Conditional Admission on Academic Probation
An applicant who has insufficient preparation in his or her intended graduate degree program and does not meet the criteria for conditional admission basis may be admitted on academic probation upon recommendation of the appropriate Graduate Program Committee and approval by the Dean of the Graduate School. Such admission requires that coursework taken during the first semester be completed with a grade point average of “B” (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better. Failure to earn this average will result in academic dismissal. The dismissal cannot be petitioned by the department.

Denial of Admission as a Graduate Degree-Seeking Student
If an applicant is not eligible for either unconditional admission or conditional admission, the applicant is denied admission as a graduate degree-seeking student. In such cases, the appropriate Graduate Program Committee may recommend the applicant’s admission or denial of admission as a special graduate student.