

Graduate Standards for Admission

Criteria for Admission of M.S. Students for Regular Status

a. U.S. citizens

1. QCA greater than 3.0 for the last two years or 60 semester hours of coursework.
2. The Graduate Record Examination is required for all applicants unless waived by the Department Head. The advanced subject area test is not required on the Graduate Record Examination. It is expected that applicants will have received a minimum GRE score of 550 (verbal) and 600 (quantitative). However, the GRE score will not be used as the sole determinant of admission.
3. Positive references indicating aptitude for graduate studies, especially for research.
4. Relevant background and course work in the field of interest.
5. At least one faculty member willing to advise the applicant, general availability of faculty for a committee competent in the field of interest, and general agreement of faculty in the field of interest that the student should be accepted for graduate work.

b. International students from non English speaking countries are expected to have the same qualifications as American students. The only additional requirement is a score of greater than 550 (paper), 213 (computer) and 80 (internet) on the TOEFL.

Criteria for Admission of Doctoral Students

a. U.S. citizens: In addition to qualifications described for M.S. applicants, Ph.D. applicants should either hold the M.S. degree in the appropriate area of interest or possess a considerably stronger academic record than the general applicant, as judged by the Graduate Committee. Admission on a provisional status is not available to Ph.D. applicants

b. International students from non English speaking countries are expected to have the same qualifications as American students. The only additional requirement is a score of greater than 550 (paper), 213 (computer) and 80 (internet) on the TOEFL.

Applications are circulated through the Graduate Committee with each member providing his/her recommendation for acceptance and potential award of assistantship. The Graduate Committee chairperson, in consultation with the department head, makes final decisions regarding admission. Positive decisions are dependent upon availability of a suitable advisor. The application with recommendation of acceptance or rejection is returned to the graduate school for official notification of the candidate.