

3341-3-76 Graduate Admissions – Graduate – Admissions Categories and Grade Point Average Requirements.

Applicability	All University Units – Graduate Students
Responsible Unit	Office of the Provost
Policy Administrator	Graduate College

(A) Policy Statement and Purpose

This policy describes graduate admissions categories and grade point average requirements.

(B) Policy

There are three graduate admission categories: regular admission, conditional admission, and graduate non-degree.

(1) Regular Admission

Applicants are eligible for regular admission to the Graduate College if they have a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 out of 4.0 or the equivalent. An academic program may also request regular admission if an applicant has a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of completed undergraduate work or a grade point average of 3.0 or higher in at least nine credits of graduate coursework. Admission to the Graduate College is contingent upon completion of the application process, recommendation from the academic program, and approval by the Dean of the Graduate College.

(2) Conditional Admission

Applicants who do not meet the criteria for regular admission, or have deficiencies in other admissions criteria, are not eligible for regular admission to the Graduate College. However, conditional admission status may be granted with the recommendation of the academic program and approval by the Dean of the Graduate College. Applicants admitted conditionally must earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the first nine graded graduate hours completed (e.g., no S/U or audit). Academic programs may

specify additional requirements of students granted conditional admission status. Please note that international students cannot be issued an I-20 from BGSU based on a conditional admission.

If a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 is not achieved in the first nine graded graduate hours completed, the student shall be dismissed from the program and the Graduate College.

A student who has been conditionally admitted is not eligible for a graduate assistantship or scholarship until regular status has been achieved, unless an exception has been requested by the academic program and approved by the Graduate College.

(3) Graduate Non-Degree Status

Graduate non-degree status allows students to pursue personal or professional goals by taking graduate courses without enrolling in a certificate or degree program. Admission to graduate non-degree status and successful completion of non-degree coursework neither indicates nor assures subsequent admission to a certificate or degree program, nor does it qualify a student for financial aid.

A graduate non-degree student who wishes to be considered for admission to a degree program should follow the procedures outlined in the Admissions – Graduate – Application Requirements policy.

Some courses completed while on graduate non-degree status may be applied toward a degree program, contingent upon the approval of the degree program and the Graduate College. The non-degree student is not limited to the number of credit hours taken at BGSU; however, only nine graduate credit hours will transfer to a graduate degree program. In high demand academic areas, degree candidates will have priority over graduate non-degree students in registering for courses. Some specialized and clinical areas of study are not available for enrollment with graduate non-degree status.

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Equity Impact Statement: The policy has been assessed for adverse differential impact on members of one or more protected groups.