

TO: University Curriculum Committee
FROM: Graduate Council
RE: Graduate Admission Requirements
DATE: January 28, 2004

Students who satisfy all criteria listed below will be considered for graduate admission to the University of Idaho:

- (1) Have a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized accrediting association,
- (2) Have an undergraduate grade-point average of 3.00 or higher for the last 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter credits) or an undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 2.80 or higher,
- (3) Have maintained at least a 2.80 grade-point average in subsequent academic work if any, and
- (4) Have been reviewed and recommended for acceptance by the department administering the program in which the student seeks to enroll. For individual departmental admission requirements please refer to part 5 of this catalog.

Students planning to apply for work leading to a graduate degree should contact the department in which they wish to major **before** submitting the application for graduate admission. All admissions decisions are made at the departmental level with final admission granted by the College of Graduate Studies. Admission is granted **only** to a specific degree and program; and initial admission is granted for a specific semester.

Admission application files will not be sent to the department for review until all required documents have been received by the Graduate Admissions Office. Students currently enrolled in a college or university need to submit a current transcript that shows all work completed thus far. The general application deadlines are:

***Domestic Applicants**

Fall-July 1
 **Spring-November 1
 **Summer-April 1
 (application fee \$55.00)
 non-refundable

***International Applicants**

Fall-May 1
 **Spring-October 1
 **Summer-March 15
 (application fee \$60.00)
 non-refundable

*Individual academic departments may have earlier departmental deadlines especially for applicants seeking financial assistance or assistantships.

**Some departments do not admit any graduate students for the Spring and Summer terms

Applications received after the above deadlines but before the official start of the semester for which the applicant is seeking entry, will be accepted only if additional students can be accommodated.

Please consult the graduate admissions website at www.students.uidaho.edu/gradadmissions for more information regarding academic departments' requirements and deadlines.

The Graduate Admissions Office is not authorized to give out information, without written authorization, to anyone other than the applicant. Please submit a written authorization with your application if you want someone specific to be given information regarding your admission status.

Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not a College of Graduate Studies requirement, but is required by some departments. Official copies of GRE results must come from the Educational Testing Service. In rare cases, if the examination is many years out of date, students may be able to provide unofficial results of the examination with their admission application to facilitate evaluation and acceptance. GRE scores are retained by the student's department. Applicants wishing to take the Computer Based GRE on campus should contact the Counseling and Testing Center.

Transcripts and Application for Admission

Graduate students wishing to enter the College of Graduate Studies must submit an application for admission on a form provided by the Graduate Admissions Office, three letters of recommendation from professional/academic references, a statement of career objectives, vitae/resume, and have official transcripts sent directly from each institution attended to the Graduate Admissions Office. Transcripts become the property of the university and cannot be copied, returned, or forwarded.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for permanent residents and American citizens whose primary language is not English. Primary language is defined as native language or the official language of instruction used in previous academic work.

Background: The current admission requirements are an application for admission accompanied by the fee, an undergraduate degree (except for the architecture seamless program) from a recognized accredited institution, and a GPA of at least 2.80.

Rationale: Graduate Council approved this change so more information would be available when reviewing a file for graduate admission. Many of our campus departments already require the above items. This proposal is endorsed by the Graduate Admission Office.