Minimum Admission Requirements

In general, all applicants must hold at least a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or a degree from a non-U.S. institution of higher education that is judged equivalent to a U.S. baccalaureate degree by the College of Graduate Studies (COGS). International applicants who have graduated from a college or university that is a member of the Bologna Project will be considered for admission to a graduate degree program.

Any applicant who seeks admission to a graduate degree program is said to be applying as a graduate degree-seeking student. All other graduate applicants are said to be applying as graduate non-degree-seeking students.

Admission is granted for a specific semester and is validated by registration for that semester. Applicants wishing to defer admission to a subsequent semester may request a one-time deferral from the Office of Graduate Admissions as long as the request occurs before the start of the original semester of matriculation.

Applicants must be admitted to COGS before they are eligible to register for classes. Only students formally admitted to COGS are eligible to enroll in graduate courses (courses numbered 5000G, 6000, 7000, 8000 and 9000). Official admission acceptance is conveyed to the applicant in a formal electronic letter issued by the College of Graduate Studies.