

# Admission Requirements

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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.

## Minimum Admission Requirements for a Graduate Degree or Certificate Program

Achievement of the minimum admission requirements of the College of Graduate Studies does not guarantee admission to a graduate degree program. A student who is admitted to one graduate program is not guaranteed admission to any other graduate degree program at any time in the future.

Admission to a graduate program is competitive and qualified applicants may be denied admission depending on a wide variety of programmatic variables. To ensure the best possible opportunity for admission, each applicant is strongly encouraged to review the specific admission requirements and application procedures listed in this catalog for the specific program of interest. Typically, review of an application cannot begin until all application documents are received, including those that are specific to a program. Applicants can check the status of their application and the receipt of application documents by visiting the website (<http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu/admission>) of Graduate Admissions.

## Graduate Admission Test Score Requirements

Depending on the graduate program for which the student is applying, one of the following standardized admission tests will be required: GMAT, GRE, MAT or GACE. Standardized admission tests are listed among each program's itemized list of requirements for admission. To determine which admission test is required for each program, review the admission requirements on the program's webpage. Test scores must be sent from the testing agency directly to Graduate Admissions. Further information on test dates and fees may be obtained from:

Office of Testing Services (<http://studentsupport.georgiasouthern.edu/asc/testing>)  
Post Office Box 8132  
Georgia Southern University  
Statesboro, GA 30460-8067

(912) 478-5415

## Degree Admission Based Upon Exceptional Qualifications

Applicants with exceptional experience and/or academic qualifications may be granted degree admission to the College of Graduate Studies without the submission of admission test scores. Admission approval may be granted by the Director of Graduate Studies following a review of the recommendation by the respective Graduate Program Director and Department Chair.