

Graduate Admissions Requirements

In addition to all other program-specific requirements, minimal requirements for admission include:

Graduate Application—A complete online graduate application. Graduate programs may have their own deadline for applications. See program-specific information for those deadlines. For programs with rolling admission, applications will be considered as they are submitted and a program may be filled prior to the semester or term it begins.

Graduate Application Fee—Nonrefundable application fee of \$50.

Minimum Undergraduate GPA—Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.

Letters of Recommendation—Three letters of recommendation, as specified by the intended program of study, preferably including one from the last school attended.

Application Essay—An essay of personal statement describing educational objectives and professional interests.

Official Sealed Transcript of All Undergraduate and Graduate Course Work— An official final transcript showing bachelor's degree conferred along with official transcripts from all regionally accredited institutions of higher education attended. NOTE: Due to admissions deadlines, graduate students are sometimes admitted before conferral of a bachelor's degree. Students who are awaiting their undergraduate degree will be permitted to register for their first semester (or term for programs starting in the summer) of classes. However, the degree-conferral date must be prior to the beginning of the graduate program. Continuation in any graduate program requires an official transcript which verifies conferral of a bachelor's degree. Students enrolled in classes who have not submitted the required proof of degree will have a hold placed on their record. This hold, which will prevent final registration, will not be released until the proper documentation has been submitted. An exception occurs when a student is enrolled in an accelerated bachelor to master program where the student is taking both master- and bachelor-degree courses during the fourth year.

Coursework Completion—Completion of all deficient coursework required for admission into the graduate program, including but not limited to, prerequisite and degree-specific requirements.

Additional Program-Specific Requirements—Other materials specified by the program, including specific exam scores from graduate admission exams (such as GRE or GMAT), departmental forms, portfolios, interviews, on-site and/or phone interview, etc.

English Language Proficiency—An applicant whose first language is not English and/or does not have a degree from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction is required to demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting a score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) taken within the last two years. The minimum score required to display English language proficiency for admission to a graduate program is TOEFL: 89 iBT or 573 PBT or an IELTS score of 6.5. Currently enrolled Bridgewater College students are exempt from this requirement.

Additional Requirements for International Students—In addition to the aforementioned items, international students should go to the International Student Admission section for further requirements.