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Graduate Admission Requirements, Expectations & Deadlines

Your journey begins here. Learn more about requirements, expectations, and deadlines for admission to UL Lafayette's Graduate School.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for graduate study at UL Lafayette, you must:

- have (or soon have) a **bachelor's degree** (or its equivalent) from a regionally accredited university. [Learn more about how to provide proof of degree.](#)
- demonstrate **English language proficiency** (TOEFL/IELTS) if you are an international applicant. [Learn more about who is required to demonstrate English language proficiency.](#)
- provide **additional application materials** (including GRE/GMAT) depending on the degree program to which you're applying. [Learn more about individual program application requirements and deadlines.](#)

Expectations for Graduate Admission

To be clear, your undergraduate academic performance and test scores are an important part of your graduate school application because they help predict how successful you'll be in grad school. But they're not everything!

Graduate admission decisions at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette are based on your entire application. We use a portfolio approach that allows stronger aspects of your application—for example, strong letters of reference or professional experience—to compensate for weaker parts, such as lower test scores.

When you submit your application, you are responsible for ensuring that you meet the admissions requirements. You are officially admitted only when you receive written notice from the Dean of the Graduate School. Correspondence from a department or faculty member does not guarantee your admission to UL Lafayette. The University is in compliance with all federal laws pertaining to discrimination.

Below are the preferred expectations for GPA and GRE/GMAT (required by some programs) as well as the minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores to qualify an applicant for unconditional graduate admission.

Doctoral (PhD, EdD, DNP) Degree Programs:

- GPA – a 3.0 cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) on undergraduate work and/or 3.3 cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) on graduate work already completed
- GRE – **not required for all graduate programs** / preferred expectations are set by individual graduate programs / contact the graduate coordinator for more information

Master's Degree Programs

- GPA – a 2.75 cumulative undergraduate GPA or, for those with US degrees, a 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study
- GRE – **not required for all graduate programs** / preferred expectations are set by individual graduate programs / contact the graduate coordinator for more information
- GMAT (Accounting MS and MBA only) – a total score of 450

Non-Degree-Seeking and Graduate Certificate Programs

- Our non-degree-seeking entrée program requires proof of a bachelor's degree for admission.
- Our non-degree-seeking Master's +30 program requires proof of a master's degree for admission.
- [See our Graduate Certificate program descriptions for individual admission requirements.](#)

English Language Proficiency

- TOEFL total score of at least 79
- IELTS combined score of at least 6.5
- PTE total score of at least 53
- UL Lafayette Intensive English Program (IEP) score of at least 6

Application Deadlines

While many graduate programs follow the deadlines listed below, **some program deadlines may vary**. If not specified otherwise there, the following application deadlines apply.

Semester	Domestic	International
Fall	June 30	May 15
Spring	November 30	October 1
Summer	April 30	N/A

After these deadlines, **late fees apply** and we cannot guarantee that your application will be reviewed in time to start classes (or receive an I-20, if an international applicant).

Note: Incoming international students may not apply for the summer semester as their first term.

For international students, there are deadlines for receiving initial I-20s. For applications that do not have a decision made before these deadlines, no initial I-20s will be issued.

Semester	I-20 Deadline
Fall	June 30
Spring	October 31

Application Fees

Application Type	First-Time	Re-Entry	Late Fee
Domestic	\$25	\$25	\$25
International	\$30	\$25	\$25

Assistantship Application Deadlines

Semester	Deadline
Fall	March 1
Spring	November 1

Fellowship Application Deadlines

The deadline for all fellowship applications is February 15.



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