

New Graduate Admissions Regulations (Effective Spring 2009) – Admission Classifications

Graduate Status—Regular

All students who wish to be admitted in regular degree-seeking status or nondegree-seeking status must submit a final, official transcript from a regionally accredited US institution or its equivalent from a foreign institution. All students who wish to be admitted in regular degree-seeking status to a doctoral program or wish to be considered for university-wide fellowships must also submit an official GRE General Test score (or an official GMAT score as required). The minimum university requirements for admission to regular graduate status are listed below. Individual graduate programs may specify additional requirements.

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited US institution or its equivalent from a foreign institution and a GPA of 3.0 or more (on a 4.0 maximum) in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student OR while registered as an upper-division undergraduate student (normally based on the last sixty attempted semester hours); OR, a graduate degree or professional degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited US institution or its equivalent from a foreign institution in a field related to the discipline of the program to which the student is applying.
- Students applying to doctoral programs must submit a competitive score on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (or a competitive score on the Graduate Management Admission Test as required) or an equivalent score on an equivalent measure approved by the graduate program and the university.
- Students applying to doctoral programs must also submit three letters of recommendation, a resume or curriculum vita, and a written essay.
- A student must be accepted by the program director offering the particular degree program sought and the College of Graduate Studies. Graduate programs are encouraged to have more restrictive admission requirements than the minimum university requirements. Program requirements may be based on other factors such as work experience, research interests of the prospective student, evidence of extracurricular or community work, personal interviews, or other factors specified by the program.
- International students must demonstrate their proficiency in the English language. International students, except those who are from countries where English is the only official language, those who have earned a degree from a regionally accredited US college or university, or those who have earned a degree from a country where English is the only official language or a university at which English is the only official language of instruction, are required to submit a score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS before they can be admitted to the university. A computer-based TOEFL score of 220 or 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (or equivalent score on the paper-based test) or 6.5 on the IELTS is required unless otherwise specified by the program.
- International students applying to master's programs that do not require a GRE (or GMAT), must submit a course-by-course evaluation of their official transcripts from a credential evaluation service recommended by UCF. This course-by-course evaluation must show a GPA that is equivalent to a 3.0 from an earned degree that is equivalent to a US bachelor's degree.

Graduate Status—Conditional

A student who meets the minimum university requirements for regular admission (as listed above) but has not submitted all required documents may be admitted conditionally upon recommendation of the program director to which admission is sought and the College of Graduate Studies. Conditions must be met by mid-term of the first semester or the student will be prevented from registering for future semester classes.

Graduate Status—Restricted

Even though minimum university requirements are met, a graduate program may attach restrictions to the admission of an applicant, such as higher GPA requirements, completing a standardized test, completing certain prerequisite courses, maintaining a certain GPA in the first few hours of a graduate program, etc. Students may be denied admission to regular graduate status if the restrictions are not met.

Students who have a graduate GPA less than 3.0 in a degree program at UCF and are admitted into a new degree program will be admitted into the new program in restricted status.

Graduate Status—Provisional

A student who does not fulfill the minimum university requirements for regular admission (as listed above) may be admitted provisionally upon recommendation of the program director to which admission is sought and the College of Graduate Studies.

Provisional students may be admitted to regular status following satisfactory completion of nine semester hours, in the graduate program and upon recommendation by the program director and Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

Graduate Status—Restricted/Conditional

Even though minimum university requirements are met, a program may attach restrictions to the admission of an applicant, such as higher GPA requirements, completing a standardized test, completing certain prerequisite courses, maintaining a certain GPA in the first few hours of a graduate program, etc. Students may be denied admission to regular graduate status if the restrictions are not met. The student also has not submitted all required documents for admission. All required documents for admission must be submitted by mid-term of the first semester or the student will be prevented from registering for future semester classes.

Graduate Status—Provisional/Restricted

A student who does not fulfill the minimum university requirements for regular admission (as listed above) and has not met the graduate program's specific requirements may be admitted in provisional/restricted status upon recommendation of the program director to which admission is sought and the College of Graduate Studies. A graduate program may attach restrictions to the admission of an applicant, such as higher GPA requirements, completing a standardized test, completing certain prerequisite courses, maintaining a certain GPA in the first few hours of a graduate program, etc.

Provisional/restricted students may be admitted to regular status following satisfactory completion of nine semester hours, in the graduate program and upon recommendation by the program director and Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies AND satisfactory completion of the graduate program's restrictions. Students may be denied admission to regular graduate status if the graduate program's restrictions are not met.

Graduate Status—Provisional/Conditional

A student who does not fulfill the minimum university requirements for regular admission (as listed above) and has not submitted all required documents for admission may be admitted in provisional/conditional status upon recommendation of the program director to which admission is sought and the College of Graduate Studies.

Provisional/conditional students may be admitted to regular status following satisfactory completion of nine semester hours, in the graduate program and upon recommendation by the program director and Vice Provost and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies AND the submission of all required documents for admission. All required documents for admission must be submitted by mid-term of the first semester or the student will be prevented from registering for future semester classes.