Graduate Admission Policies

Admission Requirements

Admission to the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies (Graduate College) is a selective process intended to identify applicants who are outstanding among recipients of baccalaureate degrees. The following minimum qualifications are required of all students seeking an advanced degree:

1. The applicant must have a baccalaureate degree from an educational institution of recognized standing.
   a. Applicants still completing a baccalaureate degree may apply.
2. The applicant must have adequate preparation in the chosen field of study and must show potential to undertake advanced study and research as evidenced by academic performance and experience.
3. At the baccalaureate level, the applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0, or equivalent, to attain full standing in a graduate degree program. Applicants whose last degree completed is a graduate degree may be admitted in full standing if the final GPA of that degree is at least 3.0 or equivalent.

Each program may set higher qualifications and may require the submission of additional evidence of academic performance.

Application Requirements

All degree and certificate seeking applicants must submit the following to complete the application process. Additional application requirements are found on the Graduate College website: https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply (https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/).

- Online Application for Graduate Admission
  - Current graduate students adding a graduate certificate must submit the Request to Add a Certificate to a Graduate Degree form and $35 application fee to apply.
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  - Official transcripts
  - Non-degree applicants are not required to submit transcripts.
  - When a transcript is submitted in advance of completion of either undergraduate or graduate studies, an updated transcript showing all course credits, grades, and degree completions must be provided prior to initial registration at NDSU.

Applying to Multiple Programs

To apply for additional programs, a separate application and $35 fee are required for each. Other previously submitted documents may be used for additional applications, please email ndsu.grad.school@ndsu.edu (ndsu.grad.school@ndsu.edu?subject=Use%20application%20material%20from%20previous%20application) to notify our admissions team.