

Graduate Admission Policies

1.1 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:

1.1.1. The applicant must have a baccalaureate degree from an educational institution of recognized standing.

- An applicant still completing a baccalaureate degree may apply (assuming they will have completed the degree prior to enrolling in a graduate program).
- NDSU undergraduate students applying to an NDSU accelerated program must have completed a minimum of 60 undergraduate credits with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Some accelerated programs do require a higher cumulative GPA for participation.
- The applicant's baccalaureate degree must be equivalent to a four-year baccalaureate degree from the United States.

1.1.2. 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.

1.1.3. At the baccalaureate level, an applicant must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or equivalent) as reflected on the transcript from the institution where the baccalaureate degree was conferred or is expected to be conferred. Applicants whose most recent 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.

1.1.4. Each program may set higher qualifications and may require the submission of additional evidence of academic performance. Admission is not guaranteed.