

**FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS POLICY**

Following are the admissions requirements for graduate level programs. These are the minimum guidelines, and individual programs may have additional requirements.

- I. Regular Admission Requirements:
 - A. Submission of all required admission materials, including:
 1. A completed application (students who are not citizens or permanent residents should apply as international students)
 2. Receipt by the FSU Admissions Office of official transcripts from all institutions of higher education previously attended, sent directly from those institutions to FSU or, where applicable, to a program specific application clearing house.
 3. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) scores, sent directly from the testing agency, for students whose first (native) language is not English.
 - B. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 grade point average (GPA), except where program specific early admission opportunities are afforded.
 - C. Minimum English proficiency test score for students whose first (native) language is not English: TOEFL 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), 79 (internet-based); or IELTS 6.5.
 - D. Additional program specific requirements may exist, such as:
 1. Requirement that undergraduate coursework be done within the United States or Canada
 2. Master degree in field of study with 3.0 minimum graduate GPA
 3. Entrance exam (PCAT, OAT, GRE, MAT, GMAT, etc.)
 4. Specific pre-requisite courses with minimum course grades
 5. Minimum GPA for a sub-set of prerequisite courses
 6. Higher minimum GPA, TOEFL or IELTS requirements
 7. Early admission opportunities
 8. References
 9. Writing sample(s)
 10. Interviews
 11. C.V. or resume
 12. Application fee
- II. Provisional Admission Requirements

Students failing to meet the minimum requirements for regular graduate admission may be granted provisional admission at the program's discretion. Students granted provisional admission will be

granted regular admission if, after a designated period, they have met the program requirements. Examples of provisional admission include:

- A. an undergraduate GPA of less than 3.0 will qualify for regular admission provided they successfully complete nine (9) semester hours of graduate work with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- B. undergraduate deficiencies will qualify for regular admission provided they clear any deficiencies in his/her undergraduate education before nine (9) semester hours of graduate work have been completed.
- C. TOEFL scores between 500-549 (paper-based), 173-212 (computer-based), 60-78 (internet-based); or IELTS 6.0 will qualify for regular admission if, they enroll in and successfully complete recommended ESL courses and/or retake and receive a passing score on TOEFL or IELTS exam.

III. Special Enrollment Requirements:

Special enrollment is intended for students who are not planning to become candidates for a graduate degree at Ferris State University. Special enrollment will be permitted only on a semester-by-semester basis, subject to program approval.