



University Community (faculty, graduate students and University Graduate School administration)

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
GRADUATE ADMISSION CRITERIA AND DENIAL	February 2012	380.0443

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

Admission Criteria

Applicants for admission to a graduate degree-granting program of the University must meet the minimum standards set forth by the University as well as the specific requirements set by that program. Exceptions for individual students may be granted by the Dean of the University Graduate School at the request of the department program director and the dean of the appropriate school or college.

Each graduate program may establish its own admission criteria subject to review and approval by the School or College, the Graduate Council, the Faculty Senate, the Dean of the University Graduate School and the Provost. In those cases where the admission standards of specific graduate programs are different than University standards, the graduate programs must have published these policies and procedures specifying the basis on which exceptions may be made.

A college graduate seeking admission into a graduate program of the University must have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution.

Unless or until a program establishes its own criteria for the GRE or the GMAT, the university criteria, or their equivalent, in effect as of the date of this policy shall apply.

If a program does not have an approved admission policy, the default University policy is a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credits of the undergraduate degree.

An applicant’s character and integrity are qualities that may be used to assess his/her qualifications for admission into a graduate program at FIU. An applicant must have been in good ethical standing at the undergraduate program that granted his/her baccalaureate degree for admission in a graduate program at FIU.

An applicant may be evaluated based on his/her academic record as a graduate student, at FIU or any regionally accredited institution, in addition to his/her undergraduate record.

Graduates of non-U.S. institutions must be academically eligible for further study in the country where the degree was earned. International graduate student applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or for the International Language Testing System (IELTS). If a program does not have an approved admission policy, the default University policy for minimum required scores is 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 80 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 6.5 on the IELTS.

Admission Denial

An applicant who has been denied admission to a graduate program may re-apply to the same program or apply to any other graduate program at FIU under the regulations and policies in force at the time of the re-application. A period of at least one academic year must elapse after the date of denial before an application for re-admission will be accepted for consideration. Applicants who are denied admission are not eligible to enroll as a non-degree seeking student for a period of one academic year.

- A student whose application for a graduate program is denied but who meets published program minimum admission standards for admission to graduate status is allowed to seek the reason for the rejection in writing. The applicant may request reconsideration by written petition to the University within thirty (30) days of the date of denial. The route for reconsideration is first to the graduate program of interest, then to the dean of the appropriate School or College, then to the Dean of the University Graduate School. The Dean of the University Graduate School makes the final decision.

HISTORY (R*)

Originally 2.1 UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT ADMISSION CRITERIA; 2.1.1 MINIMUM GPA AND EXAMINATION

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATES OF U.S. INSTITUTIONS; 2.1.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATES OF NON-U.S. INSTITUTIONS; 2.3.1 APPEALS PROCESS; and 2.3.3 ACADEMIC UNIT OR DEPARTMENT ADMISSION EXCEPTIONS from *Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual*.

RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT (R*)

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