

Graduate Application and Admission Policies

Eligibility

For admission to graduate study, applicants must show evidence that they have earned the baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university and possess the ability to carry out graduate work of high quality. An official transcript of all previous undergraduate and graduate work must be submitted. Applicants for degree status should have a minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4-point scale) and a scholastic average of 3.00 in their undergraduate major. They should have successfully completed specific courses at the undergraduate level in the field in which they plan to pursue a graduate degree and a minimum number of courses in a designated area approved by the specific department. For all graduate programs, official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), or other specified examinations as specifically defined by the individual department or program are required. Individual departments and doctoral programs may have more rigorous standards.

APPLICATION DEADLINES (Domestic)

- June 30 for Fall (August) enrollment
- September 1 for Fall Session II (October) enrollment
- November 15 for Spring (January) enrollment
- February 1 for Spring Session II (March) enrollment
- April 15 for Summer (May) enrollment

APPLICATION DEADLINES (International)

- May 1 for Fall (August) enrollment
- August 1 for Fall Session II (October) enrollment
- November 1 for Spring (January) enrollment
- January 15 for Spring Session II (March) enrollment
- April 1 for Summer (May) enrollment

Graduate Application Processes

For admission to graduate study, applicants must show evidence of an earned baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and demonstrate the ability to carry out graduate work of high quality. An official transcript of all previous undergraduate and graduate work must be submitted. Minimum admission criteria for consideration of unconditional admission include a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) **and** a scholastic average of 3.0 in the undergraduate major as well as successful completion of all coursework in the requisite or closely related discipline in which the applicant plans to

pursue a graduate degree. For all graduate programs, official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), the Miller Analogies Test (MAT), **or** other specified examinations, writings, documents, or productions as defined by the individual department or program are required. Students scoring below the 50th percentile on the verbal and/or analytical writing section of their standardized examination may be required to demonstrate additional proficiency.

The [online application](#) ^[1] **must** be used by all students seeking graduate admission to Delaware State University. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 must accompany all submitted applications.

International Student Admissions:

In addition to the requirements noted above, non-English speaking international students applying for admission to graduate study must demonstrate a satisfactory level of proficiency in the English language. This proficiency requirement may be satisfied by meeting the criteria in any one of the following categories:

- Foreign applicants who hold the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university within the United States are presumed to be proficient in the English language.
- Foreign applicants who hold the baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from a foreign institution in which English is the language of instruction are presumed to be proficient in English.

Foreign applicants who do not meet the requirements outlined above must demonstrate English proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System. Applicants should attain a score of at least 550 on the TOEFL (paper-based test), or a 79-80 (new internet based TOEFL) or a 5.5 minimum IELTS score. Transcripts should be evaluated by the [World Education Service \(WES\)](#), ^[2] [Educational Credential Evaluators \(ECE\)](#) ^[3], or the [Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers \(AACRAO\)](#) ^[3] and then forwarded by the evaluating organization to the [Office of Admissions](#) ^[4]. All academic records must be converted into their U.S. education equivalents by a University-recognized credential agency, to obtain transfer credit for education completed at non U.S. postsecondary institutions. Transcript evaluations must be submitted sealed from the evaluating organization.

PLEASE NOTE: The School of Graduate Studies and Research/Office of Admissions reserves the right to request that transcripts from international English speaking institutions be evaluated by WES or any of the other recognized credential agencies if educational equivalency cannot clearly be determined by these offices.

Submit an I-20 Application, F-1 Student Seeking Financial Statement and an Affidavit of Support for Free Room & Board to:

Delaware State University
Office of International Affairs
Grossley Hall-Room 115A
Dover, DE 19901

You may also contact the Candace Moore, Director of International Student Services, at 302.857.6474 or cmoore@desu.edu [5].

*Please note that all application materials are to be received by the deadline noted. Incomplete applications **will not** be reviewed. Please also note that all graduate programs reserve the right to note more stringent admission guidelines and earlier deadlines than the School of Graduate Studies and Research. It is therefore advisable to discuss program requirements with the program director [6] prior to submission of application materials.

Complete applications are reviewed and evaluated by the respective Department, which recommends action to the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. The Dean of Graduate Studies and Research reviews all recommendations along with application materials; renders an admission decision and extends an offer of admission to the applicant.

Retention of Applications

The application and credentials of applicants, including transcripts of their academic records from other institutions, are placed in a student's admissions file. They are not returned to the student. In cases where application materials are incomplete with respect to required credentials (including test scores), an applicant has not been accepted for admission, or an applicant does not register for the term to which she/he has been admitted, the application and its accompanying credentials will be retained for two years by the University.

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[1] <https://www.applyweb.com/desug/>

[2] <http://www.wes.org/>

[3] <http://www.aacroa.org/>

[4] <http://www.desu.edu/admissions>

[5] <mailto:cmoore@desu.edu>

[6] <http://www.desu.edu/graduate-studies/academic-programs>