

Graduate Admission to the University

The University of Idaho offers 29 doctoral programs, 6 specialist degrees, and 102 master's degrees. Graduate students are able to pursue degrees full- or part-time.

All of the graduate programs are available on the main campus in Moscow. Graduate programs in education disciplines are available at UI's Coeur d'Alene and Boise centers, graduate programs in engineering and natural resources are available at UI's Boise center, and graduate programs in engineering disciplines and several physical science disciplines are available at the Idaho Falls center.

More than 750 faculty members participate in teaching and research. In addition to the accreditation of individual programs, the University is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

Graduate Admission Requirements

Students who satisfy all criteria listed below will be considered for graduate admission to the University of Idaho:

- (1) Have a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized accrediting association,
- (2) Have an undergraduate grade-point average of 3.00 or higher for the last 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter credits) or an undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 2.80 or higher,
- (3) Have maintained at least a 2.80 grade-point average in subsequent academic work if any, and
- (4) Have been reviewed and recommended for acceptance by the department administering the program in which the student seeks to enroll. For individual departmental admission requirements please refer to part 5 of this catalog or consult the graduate admissions website at www.students.uidaho.edu/gradadmissions.

The College of Graduate Studies requires all applicants to submit three letters of recommendation, a one to two page Statement of Career Objectives and a one to two page resume/curriculum vitae.

Students planning to apply for work leading to a graduate degree should contact the department in which they wish to major **before** submitting the application for graduate admission. All admissions decisions are made at the departmental level with final admission granted by the College of Graduate Studies. Admission is granted **only** to a specific degree and program; and initial admission is granted for a specific semester.

Admission application files will not be sent to the department for review until all required documents have been received by the Graduate Admissions Office. Students currently enrolled in a college or university need to submit a current transcript that shows all work completed thus far. The priority application deadlines are:

*Domestic Applicants Priority Deadlines

Fall- February 1
 **Spring-September 1
 **Summer-February 1
 (application fee \$55.00)
 non-refundable

*International Applicants Priority Deadlines

Fall-February 1
 **Spring-September 1
 **Summer- February 1
 (application fee \$60.00)
 non-refundable

*Priority consideration for awarding College of Graduate Studies tuition waivers will be given to applicants who meet those deadlines. Individual academic departments may have earlier departmental deadlines especially for applicants seeking financial assistance or assistantships.

**Some departments do not admit any graduate students for the Spring and Summer terms

Applications received after the above deadlines but before the official start of the semester for which the applicant is seeking entry, will be accepted only if additional students can be accommodated.

Please consult the graduate admissions website at www.students.uidaho.edu/gradadmissions for more information regarding academic departments' requirements and deadlines.

The Graduate Admissions Office is not authorized to give out information, without written authorization, to anyone other than the applicant. Please submit a written authorization with your application if you want someone specific to be given information regarding your admission status.

Graduate Record Examination

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is not a College of Graduate Studies requirement, but is required by some departments. Official copies of GRE results must come from the Educational Testing Service. In rare cases, if the examination is many years out of date, students may be able to provide unofficial results of the examination with their admission application to facilitate evaluation and acceptance. GRE scores are retained by the student's department. Applicants wishing to take the Computer Based GRE on campus should contact the Counseling and Testing Center.

Transcripts and Application for Admission

Graduate students wishing to enter the College of Graduate Studies must submit an application for admission on a form provided by the Graduate Admissions Office, three letters of recommendation from professional/academic references, a statement of career objectives, vitae/resume, and have official transcripts sent directly from each institution attended to the Graduate Admissions Office. Transcripts become the property of the university and cannot be copied, returned, or forwarded.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required for permanent residents and American citizens whose primary language is not English. Primary language is defined as native language or the official language of instruction used in previous university-level academic work.

Acceptance

When admitted to the College of Graduate Studies, a graduate applicant will be issued a letter of acceptance. Acceptance is granted for a specified semester or summer session. If an applicant does not register for the term indicated, it will be necessary for the applicant to notify the Graduate Admissions Office if he or she should desire to enter for a subsequent session or semester.

Admission Categories

Regular Enrollment. Regular enrollment for graduate study leading toward an advanced degree may be granted to a student who satisfies all of the following criteria: (1) has a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized accrediting association, (2) has an undergraduate grade-point average of 3.00 or higher for the last 60 semester credits (or 90 quarter credits) or an undergraduate cumulative grade-point average of 2.80 or higher, (3) has maintained at least a 2.80 grade-point average in subsequent academic work if any, and (4) has been reviewed and recommended for acceptance by the department administering the program in which the student seeks to enroll.

Provisional Enrollment. A student who is not eligible for regular enrollment may be considered for provisional enrollment (on the master's level only) if the department administering the program in which the student seeks to enroll recommends it, and if at least two of the following conditions are met: (1) the student's undergraduate GPA shows steady improvement; (2) the student has taken post-baccalaureate undergraduate level course work with A and/or B grades; (3) the student has achieved the 75th percentile on the relevant GRE or equivalent exam; (4) the student has been out of school for five or more years and has been working for at least one year in the field of the proposed graduate major. The department specifies conditions that the student must fulfill in order to be advanced to regular enrollment. Provisional enrollment may also be granted to a student who is otherwise eligible for regular enrollment but whose prospective department specifies conditions that he or she must first meet (i.e. achievement of specific grades and/or completion of specific course work). **International students who hold nonresident alien visas and students who are to be appointed to assistantships cannot be accepted in provisional enrollment.**

The admissions office notifies the student that he/she has been accepted for provisional enrollment. In the letter of acceptance, the following general and specific terms governing the student's provisional enrollment are stated:

1. A student may not remain in provisional-enrollment status for more than 12 consecutive calendar months (a shorter period may be specified). Nor may a student remain in this status after completing nine credits (a lower credit limitation may be specified).

2. A student will be advanced from provisional to regular enrollment provided he or she maintains a GPA of at least 3.00 each semester while in the provisional status (a higher GPA may be specified), fulfills the conditions, if any, that were specified at the time of initial enrollment, and receives no incompletes.
3. A student who does not meet the stated conditions for advancement to regular enrollment within the specified time and credit limitations cannot continue in the College of Graduate Studies or enroll in 500-level courses and is subject to normal disqualification and reinstatement procedures.

It is the student's responsibility to be in touch with the department regarding his or her progress toward meeting the conditions for advancement.

The conditions specified for a student's advancement to regular enrollment are established at the time of his or her acceptance and must not be changed (i.e., either strengthened or relaxed) thereafter.

Departments need not require a student to make up ALL of his or her academic deficiencies while in provisional enrollment. Performance on a limited selection of them should suffice to demonstrate whether or not the student has the ability to do satisfactory graduate work. Remaining deficiencies, if any, can be made up after the student is in regular enrollment. The department must be sure that any courses the student is required to take while in provisional enrollment will, in fact, be offered during that period.

Unclassified Enrollment. Unclassified enrollment is for students who do not wish to work for a graduate degree and is not to be used as a probationary category. Admission as an unclassified student does not guarantee subsequent transfer to any departmental degree program. This enrollment category is not open to international students who hold nonresident alien visas or to students who are to be appointed to assistantships. (Students on Unclassified enrollment are not eligible for Title IV financial aid.)

Non-degree Student. Refer to the "Undergraduate Admission" status above for a full description of this classification. Non-degree students are not admitted to the College of Graduate Studies. They may, however, take graduate courses with permission of the instructor and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Interdisciplinary Programs provided that they have earned a baccalaureate degree with an overall 2.80 GPA. (Non-degree students are not eligible for Title IV financial aid.) If a non-degree student receives a grade of C, D, or F in a 500-level course, he/she loses the privilege of taking more 500-level courses.

Dual Level Curricula for Graduate Students. A graduate student may enroll in an undergraduate curriculum and be in both programs simultaneously. The "Course Level Adjustment" form indicating course use (graduate, undergraduate or law) is available and must be filed each semester. Or session by the 10th day of classes. Please note that students who have not been admitted as undergraduate or law students in the past need to officially apply for admission at the appropriate level. Students in dual-level curricula will be assessed graduate fees for all courses.

Seniors in 500-Level Courses. A senior who has a cumulative grade-point average of 2.80 or higher may enroll in 500-level courses. The course(s) may be placed on either the undergraduate or the graduate transcript. Seniors desiring to have the class placed on a graduate transcript must submit to and have approved by the Graduate College a "Course Level Adjustment" form that lists the course(s) to be placed on the graduate transcript. If the form is not filed, the course(s) will automatically be placed on the undergraduate transcript. The placing of courses on a graduate transcript does not admit or guarantee subsequent admission of such students to the Graduate College. The deadline for filing the "Course Level Adjustment" form is the tenth day of the class for that semester or session. All courses placed on a graduate transcript, regardless of the course level, will be assessed graduate fees.

Returning Students. A graduate student who has completed one degree and wishes to enroll in further courses must file a "Change of Curriculum" form with the Graduate Studies Office. A returning graduate student who has not enrolled within two years of the term in which he or she wishes to register must file an Application for Readmission with the Graduate Admissions Office (see B-1). Readmission must be approved by the department in whose degree program the returning graduate student wishes to enroll. If the department denies the readmission, the student will be moved automatically into Unclassified enrollment status.

Admission of International Students

The College of Graduate Studies welcomes applications from qualified students from other countries. International applicants are expected to have qualifications equivalent to those required of other graduate students.

Credentials. Official transcripts and/or certified copies of the certificate, diploma, or government examination report received on completion of any college or university course work must be sent by the certifying agency directly to the Graduate Admissions Office. The credentials must be translated into English if written in a foreign language.

English Language Proficiency. UI requires all applicants whose primary language is not English to demonstrate proficiency in the English language. Because most applicants report the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score, UI bases its minimum English language proficiency requirements on the TOEFL. UI requires a minimum TOEFL score of 525 (paper test) or 193 (computer test). Equivalent measures of proficiency acceptable to UI include the SAT II-ELP (956), MTELP (score of 90, but even then only if administered by UI), MELAB (76), the Cambridge IELTS (5.5), Cambridge FCE (Pass), Cambridge CAE (Pass), Cambridge CPE (Pass), and Cambridge International O level (Pass). Most departments require language proficiency at the level of the TOEFL 550 (paper) or 213 (computer) or above. Exceptions to the minimum TOEFL requirement are made for (a) those from official English-speaking countries, (b) those who have earned a degree from either a U.S. institution or an institution in another official English-speaking country, (c) based on the judgment of the Graduate Admissions Office, those who have earned at least 12 credits, with a grade C or better, in university-level courses, from a U.S. institution or an institution in another official English-speaking country, or (d) those who successfully complete Level 5 of the American Language and Culture Program at the University of Idaho.

Deferred Admission. Deferred admission may be granted to applicants who qualify academically, but who have not yet met UI's minimum English language proficiency requirement. In deferred admission status, students enroll in UI's American Language and Culture Program (ALCP) to achieve the academic department's English language requirement prior to being granted full admission and commencing their degree programs. Please note that not all academic departments grant deferred admission.

Concurrent Enrollment as an Option of Deferred Admission. Students enrolled in ALCP Level 5 or Level 6 may, in consultation with the coordinator of ALCP and the course instructor, obtain approval to enroll as non-degree students for up to 7 credits per semester of academic courses in addition to their full-time ALCP courses. Students whose proficiency levels later prove inadequate for success in the academic courses may be withdrawn at the discretion of the academic course instructor and the ALCP coordinator. Once students achieve the necessary language qualification and gain full admission to the university, they may apply the credits of academic courses completed while in deferred admission status toward UI degree programs (other university and College of Graduate Studies restrictions may apply).

Financial Statement. As required by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USICE), all international students who hold or intend to hold nonresident alien visas must present to the Graduate Admissions Office satisfactory statements of finances and adequate proof of financial responsibility or sponsorship to cover all financial obligations while attending the University of Idaho.

Health and Accident Insurance. Supplemental health and accident insurance is mandatory for international students who hold nonresident alien visas and all accompanying dependents. Students must purchase and maintain the UI health insurance (SHIP) policy or document coverage of an equivalent policy with the International Programs Office before they are allowed to register or attend classes. Failure to obtain and maintain the required insurance may subject students to sanctions, up to and including disenrollment. See information on insurance in the Student Services section.

Status. In order to pursue a degree, international students must be authorized in their current visa status. Immigration regulations require that international students holding F-1 (non-sponsored student) or J-1 (exchange visitor, student classification) visas be certified as full-time students during the academic year. Graduate students are thus required to take a minimum of nine credit hours. For all other visa holders, contact the International Programs Office for rules governing taking courses while in the U.S.

Deadline for Application for Admission. To provide time for evaluation, for notice of admission status to reach the applicant, and for USICE to be met for issuance of a student visa, applications and credentials should be received by the Graduate Admissions Office no later than the following dates: for fall semester, May 1; for spring semester, October 1; for summer session, March 15.

International Student Advisors. The international student advisors (ISAs) are involved with an international student's progress at every stage of the educational process. Once a student has been admitted, the ISAs provide general information about cultural adjustment and the educational system, as well as specific details about other matters. Community contacts may be arranged, if requested. All matters pertaining to a student's non-immigrant status with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are handled through the International Programs Office. A mandatory orientation before registration provides new students with assistance on initial questions. After this

orientation, students are invited to visit the ISAs at any time with questions or concerns relating to immigration matters, education, finances, and cultural adjustment. The ISAs also serve as official liaisons between students and their consular offices or sponsoring agencies.