

ADMISSIONS

In this section, you'll find details regarding the University's admission and course registration process. Please contact us at the Graduate School or at the Registrar's Office if you need further clarification. We will be happy to answer your questions regarding University procedures and policy.

Applying for Admission

Persons holding a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university may apply for admission to the Graduate School. Admission is both limited and competitive and is based solely upon academic qualifications and potential of the individual.

All application materials become part of the permanent records of the University of New Hampshire and will not be returned. Access to this material is limited under the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Applicants who are not admitted, or who are admitted and do not register in the Graduate School, do not have access to their application files. Materials received as part of the application process will not be duplicated for personal use by the applicant or forwarded to a third party. Materials received from applicants who do not complete their application, who are not admitted, or who are admitted and do not register are held for two years before being destroyed.

Application procedures, including deadlines and program-specific requirements, are available at the Graduate School website, <http://www.gradschool.unh.edu>.

Applicants from Foreign Countries

All applicants from non-English-speaking countries must, in addition to all of the above, provide Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores. A minimum TOEFL score of 80 on the Internet-Based test is required for admission. TOEFL scores are valid for only two years. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also accepted with a minimum score of 6.5. A financial declaration on official University forms is also required should you be admitted. A four-year baccalaureate degree, or equivalent, is normally the minimum academic certification required for admission.

Applications from residents of foreign countries will be considered only for regular full-time admission.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for admission and financial aid vary by program. These are updated on an annual basis and may be found on the Graduate School website.

International applicants who are not currently residing in the United States are normally be considered for admission to the fall session only and are advised to have their applications completed by April 1. International applicants currently residing in the United States should have their applications completed at least four months prior to the session for which they are applying.

Incomplete Applications

Applications that remain incomplete after the first day of classes of the term for which admission was desired will be placed in an inactive status. A written request is required to reactivate an application.

Application Review

Once an application is complete, it is reviewed by an admissions committee of graduate faculty members, which makes recommendations to the Graduate School. The Graduate School will review these recommendations and make the final decision. While applicants with bachelor's degrees may apply directly to certain doctoral programs, the Graduate School also reserves the right to offer applicants admission at the master's degree level in its place.

Admission Categories

Official offers of admission from the Graduate School are made for a specific term and year in one of the following categories: regular, provisional, or conditional. Applicants who are in the final year of an undergraduate or, in some cases, a graduate degree program are contingent upon the successful completion of that degree program. An official final transcript showing grades and the awarding of the degree must be received by the Graduate School before the student may enroll for the graduate program.

Regular Admission

Regular admission may be offered to applicants whose academic records and supporting documents indicate that they are fully qualified to undertake graduate study in their chosen fields.

Provisional Admission

Provisional admission may be offered to applicants whose academic records and supporting documents indicate that they are qualified to undertake graduate study, but whose undergraduate preparation was not in the intended field of graduate study. Applicants offered provisional admission must meet the specific criteria, usually undergraduate coursework, stated at the time of their admission, before being changed to regular graduate student status.

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission may be offered to applicants whose academic records indicate deficiencies but suggest some promise of success in graduate study. Students offered conditional admission must meet the specific requirements stated at the time of their admission in order to remain in the Graduate School. Conditionally admitted students are not eligible for assistantships and scholarships offered through the Graduate School until the conditional status is removed.

Deferred Admission

Applicants who cannot enroll in the term for which admission was offered may request to have their admission deferred for up to one year. Such requests must be in writing and will be considered only once. Because enrollments are limited and competition for admission may vary from year to year, such requests may not be granted. Applicants who have received approved deferment of their admission cannot register for graduate coursework at the University during the period of deferment.

Accelerated Master's—University of New Hampshire Seniors

Qualified senior students at the University of New Hampshire may be admitted to the Graduate School provided they have followed normal application procedures; they must have been admitted for the semester in which they wish to enroll in courses for graduate credit (the first semester of their senior year.) A 3.20 cumulative grade-point average

is normally required to be considered for admission to the accelerated master's program.

Seniors who have been admitted under the accelerated master's program may register for a maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level courses prior to completing their bachelor's degree. Such courses may upon recommendation of the department and approval of the Graduate School count toward both a bachelor's and master's degree.

Not all graduate programs participate. Each program's faculty retain discretion regarding whether their program admits students under the accelerated master's program, as well as the maximum number of graduate credits permitted (e.g., some programs will allow for a maximum of 8 credits). Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with the graduate coordinator in the program's faculty to discuss the specifics of applying and enrollment.

Students admitted to the accelerated master's program must maintain a grade-point average of 3.20 throughout their senior year, complete their undergraduate degree as planned, and pass graduate courses taken for credit with a grade of B- or better. If these conditions are not met, admission may be withdrawn.

Dual-credit forms must be completed and approved by the dean of the Graduate School at the beginning of the semester for which dual credit is sought.

Additional Information

Non Degree Students

Individuals holding baccalaureate degrees may register for graduate courses through Continuing Education, or through the UNH Graduate School's Manchester office. These individuals are designated as "non degree students." Non degree students are not required to file an application for admission to the Graduate School and are not candidates for a graduate degree. Non degree students are not normally permitted to register as full-time students (i.e., 9 or more credits). Please note the policy on transfer of credits (internal and external) in academic regulations and degree requirements.

Applicants Not Admitted

Applicants who are denied admission may have their applications reconsidered only if they furnish significant additional material that was not available at the time of the original decision, such as evidence of further academic achievement or more recent and significantly improved GRE or GMAT scores. Reapplication is not encouraged.

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