Admission to the Graduate School

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Application Procedure

In order to be assured of consideration for admission, the following materials must be on file in the Graduate School prior to April 1 for summer and fall enrollment and prior to October 1 for spring enrollment: an application for Graduate School must include an application form, official transcripts from all institutions attended, and appropriate test scores (GRE/GMAT/TOEFL/etc.). Graduate programs may establish different application deadlines. Applicants are urged to contact the department for which they are making application regarding departmental requirements and deadlines.

Applications for admission to the Graduate School must be completed by the deadlines noted above. Incomplete applications will be held for one year. Beyond that time, the application process, including submission of a new application fee, must begin again. An application is complete when the following materials have been received:

1. A completed paper or online application form. Applicants must note on their applications whether they are electing full-time or part-time status.
2. An official score from a standardized test: GMAT for programs in the School of Accountancy, GMAT or GRE for the School of Business Administration, and GRE (verbal and quantitative sections) for most other programs. TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE is required of all applicants (foreign and U.S. citizens) whose native language is not English. Submission of a TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE score is required at the time of application. Other materials may be required by specific departments.
3. Official transcripts from the institution conferring the baccalaureate degree and from all colleges and universities subsequently attended. Only transcripts mailed directly from the sending institution to the Graduate School are considered official.
4. Proof of immunization (see immunization requirements in this catalog).

All application materials should be sent to the Graduate School. Applicants failing to provide any of the materials noted above will not be considered for admission. The Graduate School may request additional information from an applicant to confirm his or her citizenship, state residency, and whether the applicant's native language is English.

Departments may require additional application materials. Applicants are advised to contact the appropriate department about additional requirements.

Admission

Admission to the Graduate School is determined by the dean of the Graduate School after evaluation and approval of credentials and recommendation by the faculty of the academic discipline concerned. The Graduate School at The University of Mississippi recognizes the necessity of using multiple criteria in making admission decisions. These criteria include an applicant's previous academic performance and scores on standardized tests and may include research and practical experiences, evidence of skill (e.g., a writing sample), letters of recommendation, and, in the case of applicants whose native language is not English, scores on an English proficiency exam (TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE). Students may apply for admission before a baccalaureate degree is completed but may not enroll as a graduate student until the degree is conferred. Meeting minimum standards does not guarantee admission to a degree program. The selection process is competitive, and admission decisions take into consideration the availability of space and resources within a department. To assure full consideration for admission, all application materials must be received by deadline dates.

Re-admission

University of Mississippi students who have a break in enrollment of one or more semesters must apply for re-admission. Official transcripts must be requested by the student, and received by the Graduate School, from all institutions attended since the last University of Mississippi enrollment. Students are admitted for a particular semester. If they are unable to enroll in courses that semester, they may request that their application be updated for the next semester. Re-admitted students will be subject to departmental, university, and catalog regulations in effect at the time of their re-admission.

International Applications

The University of Mississippi is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award certificates and baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, call 404-679-4500, or visit online at www.sacscoc.org for questions about the accreditation.