Admission to the Graduate School

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Categories of Admission

Degree Seeking

1. **Full Standing Admission** - Upon recommendation by the faculty of the academic area concerned, a student who holds a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution, has a 3.0 or equivalent average on the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work, and has an acceptable score on the standardized test appropriate to their discipline, may be considered for admission in full standing to a degree program. Enrollment in 700-level courses and thesis is restricted to students who have been admitted to degree programs in full standing.
2. **Conditional Admission** - Applicants who have not met requirements for full standing admission but whose credentials include a baccalaureate degree and appropriate standardized test scores and who indicate a reasonable chance for success, may be admitted in this category. Upon advancement to full standing admission and recommendation of the departmental chair concerned, credit earned while enrolled in this status may be applied to a degree program. Students admitted in this category are restricted to enrollment in courses at the 600 level and below, exclusive of thesis, and must satisfy all conditions of admission by the end of their first term of enrollment or their status will be changed to nondegree. Except in unusual circumstances, students may not remain in conditional status more than one semester. Conditional students may not preregister for a second enrollment.
3. **Qualifying for Admission** - Applicants whose academic qualifications are not sufficiently strong to warrant admission to a degree program, but who take courses that will strengthen their qualifications to enter graduate degree programs, will be admitted as qualifying students. Courses completed in this category may not be applied to a graduate degree program at the University of Mississippi. Students admitted in this category are not eligible to receive graduate assistantships. While in qualifying status, a student may take a minimum of 9 hours and a maximum of 18 hours. When recommending admission into this category, departments are required to specify up to 18 hours of undergraduate course work, and/or specify a noncourse requirement, to be completed satisfactorily before the student is considered for admission into a graduate degree program.
4. **Temporary Admission** - Applicants whose credentials are received within the deadline for application but too late for the admission process to be completed prior to registration will be admitted as temporary students. Enrollment is restricted to courses at the 500 level and below.

Nondegree Seeking

1. **Nondegree I** - Applicants with no intention to pursue or qualify for a graduate degree program and whose undergraduate grade-point average is below 2.7 will be admitted in this category. Enrollment is restricted to courses at the 400 level and below.
2. **Nondegree II** - Applicants with no intention to pursue a graduate degree program and whose undergraduate grade-point average is 2.7 or higher will be admitted in this category. Nondegree II students who later apply for and are accepted in a degree program may apply a maximum of 9 hours of graduate work taken in this category. Enrollment is restricted to courses at the 600 level and below.
3. **Visiting** - A student who wishes to enroll in graduate course work for transfer toward a degree at another institution may be admitted in a visiting status. A visiting student must have written approval of the institution to which the credit will be transferred. Credit earned as a visiting student at the University of Mississippi may not be applied toward a degree program at this institution.

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