ADMISSION POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS

Admission Procedures

Admission standards are the same for students attending the home campus in Norman and students attending off-campus sites.

All graduate students with low grades or coursework deficiencies must be admitted to the Graduate College through Provisional Admission before moving into Full Admission or Conditional Admission.

New student applicants must submit:

- OU Application for Admission
- Provisional Admission form
- A $50 ($75 for international applicants) non-refundable application/processing fee payable to the University of Oklahoma
- Official transcript from degree-granting postsecondary institution attended
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores required for Master of Social Work degree and for other degrees as recommended.

The online application can be found on the Advanced Programs website at GoOU.ou.edu. Students may enroll online at Ozone.ou.edu.

NOTE: All Veterans Administration (VA) students are still required to provide “All” transcripts, as it is a VA requirement.

Applicants have 120 days to have required transcript received on campus. Failure to comply with this policy will result in an admission stop being placed on the student, and no further enrollments will be accepted.

Some departments may require supporting materials before admission can be considered. Please refer to the appropriate academic department section of this bulletin for any additional materials required.

The final decision for admission to the Graduate College is made by the graduate dean. Except for those in unclassified status, students must be recommended for admission by a department or program. All admissions to the Graduate College require that students hold a baccalaureate degree or equivalent from an accredited college or university. Students must meet admission standards to enroll in courses offered by Advanced Programs.

Admission Requirements — Graduate College

Any student who has earned a baccalaureate degree or the equivalent from an accredited college or university and has earned at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on the conferring transcript may be admitted to the Graduate College provided the student is recommended by the appropriate department or program unit and accepted for admission by the graduate dean.
The University of Oklahoma uses the 4.0 scale and semester hours to calculate grade point averages. Transcripts in quarter hours are converted to semester hours.

**Admission Categories**

**Provisional Admission**

All University Outreach students, regardless of undergraduate or graduate GPA, are admitted on a temporary Provisional Admission status, which begins when the Provisional Admission form is signed at the teaching site and terminates after 120 days. (Master of Social Work students should refer to requirements listed under Social Work in this bulletin.) Visitors, unclassified and foreign students needing the TOEFL are not admitted as provisional students. Students must sign an agreement that they have been admitted to the University of Oklahoma as a provisional graduate student and, as such, are neither guaranteed nor promised admission to a graduate program at the University of Oklahoma. Further, while in this provisional status, students are permitted to take a maximum of nine credit hours. Students have the responsibility to limit enrollment to nine credit hours of coursework. No exceptions are permitted to the nine-hour total credit regulation.

Based on the cumulative GPA from an earned baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university:

1. GPA 3.0 or higher—Full Admission.
2. Students in provisional status with less than 3.0 GPA will be evaluated as follows:
   a. GPA 2.5 to 2.99 - Student is conditionally admitted to a degree program with academic deficiency and will be monitored during their first 12 credit hours of letter-graded coursework. The GPA earned on the first 12 credit hours of letter-graded coursework must be at least 3.0. No grades of D, F or U will be permitted during the conditional admission period. Students who earn an excessive number of grades of "I" or "W" during the period of conditional admission may be subject to disenrollment.
   b. GPA less than 2.5 - Conditional Alternate Admission: Alternate Admission criteria are degree program specific. Applicants with a cumulative GPA less than 2.5 on the conferring transcript or less than a 3.0 grade point average on at least 12 hours of graduate level coursework may be considered for alternative admission provided at least three years have elapsed since awarding of the applicant's baccalaureate degree. (Some academic units require longer periods.) To be admitted, the student must meet the alternative admission criteria specified by the degree program to which they are applying. Once alternative admission criteria have been met, the student will be granted conditional alternate admission to a degree program and will be monitored during their first 12 credit hours of letter-graded coursework. The GPA earned on the first 12 credit hours of letter-graded coursework must be at least 3.00. No grades of D, F, or U will be permitted while conditionally admitted. Students who earn an excessive number of grades of "I" or "W" while conditionally admitted may be subject to disenrollment.
Unclassified Admission

Any applicant who has earned at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) from an accredited college or university or on 12 or more graduate credit hours may qualify for admission as an unclassified graduate student. Any student with a 2.8 to a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 hours of letter-graded undergraduate bachelor’s degree work at an accredited college or university may qualify for conditional admission as an unclassified graduate student. Students with less than a 2.8 GPA on the last 60 hours of letter-graded undergraduate coursework do not qualify for unclassified admission.

A student in unclassified status is not a candidate for a degree nor does unclassified status offer assurance of future admission to a degree program. If the student is later accepted for a degree program, courses taken while in unclassified status may be used to fulfill graduate degree requirements only if accepted by the relevant department or program unit.

Students in unclassified status are limited to 12 hours of coursework in this status. Unclassified graduate students wanting to take more than 12 graduate credit hours in unclassified status must obtain the approval of the graduate dean.

Visitor Status

Graduate students in good academic standing at other accredited graduate institutions are welcome to take courses at the University of Oklahoma. As a visitor, a graduate student has all the rights and privileges of other graduate students except the student is not in a degree program and thus is not pursuing a graduate degree at the University of Oklahoma.

To be admitted into visitor status, a prospective graduate student must submit the following items of information:

- OU Application for Admission
- $50 ($75 for international applicants) non-refundable application/processing fee payable to the University of Oklahoma
- Letter of good standing signed by the dean of the Graduate College from their home institution.

Readmission

Students must enroll for courses at the University of Oklahoma within a year after the admission date to retain active status. A current graduate student who has a lapse of enrollment for one calendar year must reapply for admission. The student will then be subject to the regulations applicable during the term of the first enrollment after readmission. No readmission fee is required. Students must complete and sign a new Provisional Admission form and a University of Oklahoma Application for Admission. All credit earned, including OU credit from a previous admission, must be no more than five years old in order to use that credit toward a degree program.
Required Training – Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Awareness Training

The University is committed to creating and maintaining a community where all persons who participate in University programs and activities can work and learn together in an atmosphere free from all forms of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. The University condemns discrimination based on sex or gender, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual orientation discrimination, discrimination based on gender identity or expression, and sexual misconduct. Any such activity committed by a member of the University community may subject the individual to University sanctions as well as civil and criminal penalties. This policy covers unwelcome conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature, whether committed on-campus or off-campus where the University has control over the perpetrator or the context of the harassment. Consensual romantic relationships between members of the University community are subject to other University policies, but are investigated under this process and procedure.

All students must complete the Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Awareness Training prior to enrolling in courses. Online Training is located at: http://sexualmisconduct.ou.edu. A ‘Title IX Training’ hold may be placed upon your records until the training has been completed. Additional information may be found at http://www.ou.edu/content/eoo.html.