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.

New student applicants must submit:

- OU Application for Admission
- Provisional Admission form
- A $50 ($100 for international applicants) non-refundable application/processing fee payable to the University of Oklahoma
- Official transcript from last degree-granting postsecondary regionally accredited 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 30 days to have their last degree-conferring 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 a regionally 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 completed as part of the online application or signed at the teaching site and terminates after 30 days, during which time the official transcript must be received. (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 three credit hours. Students have the responsibility to limit enrollment to three credit hours of coursework.

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.

Students who apply, but then answer “yes” to any of the required questions (e.g. prior felony, academically suspended, or received dishonorable discharge, etc.) do not receive automatic provisional admission. When applications are received with “yes” answers to these questions, they are sent to main campus to be evaluated by a committee. Until the student receives a decision from the committee on his/her application the student cannot take any courses. Once AP Admissions (Registration and Records) receives word that s/he is approved for admission, the student is eligible for provisional admission. The student may also be denied admission.

Admission to a graduate program at the University of Oklahoma is based on an evaluation of an applicant’s overall record, experience, and proposed area of study. The Graduate College does not set minimum GPA requirements and allows departments to evaluate applications holistically, but in general, successful graduate applicants possess a 3.0 cumulative GPA from their undergraduate and/or graduate work. Academic programs may set more stringent admission requirements. Please contact the program to which you are applying in order to determine any program specific requirements. Some departments provide criteria for alternate admissions for students with low GPAs (2.5 and below).

Unclassified Admission

This status generally describes applicants who wish to take graduate courses and do not intend to pursue a graduate degree; or applicants who have not yet chosen an academic field of study. Applicants interested in Unclassified admission should apply using the online application for admission. An applicant may be admitted to the Graduate College in unclassified status based on the Graduate College Admission Criteria.
Unlike Degree-Seeking Students, Unclassified Students:

- are not candidates for a degree
- are not assured future admission to a degree program
- are not eligible for conditional admission
- are not eligible for financial aid
- are limited to a maximum of 12 hours while in unclassified status

Note: Under INS regulations, international students are not typically able to apply as unclassified students. Students should contact the International Student Services office for information regarding regulations for international students.

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 ($100 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. 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.