

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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The Graduate School establishes the minimum requirements for admission to all graduate degree and certification programs at Texas Woman's University. Applicants should consult with academic components regarding specific program criteria for admission.

**All applicants are expected to meet the following criteria:**

1. Hold an earned bachelor's degree or equivalent from a U.S. college or university accredited by a regional accrediting agency, or an equivalent degree from a foreign college or university. The bachelor's degree must be substantially equivalent to a bachelor's degree granted by TWU.
2. Have a minimum 3.0 GPA for the last 60 semester credit hours of undergraduate study and a minimum 3.0 GPA for all prior graduate work. Academic components may choose to consider files of applicants with lower GPAs, on a provisional basis, but no lower than a 2.50 on the last 60 hours of undergraduate study.
3. Satisfy any additional requirements of an individual academic component for admission to a specific graduate program offered by that component. Consult the appropriate catalog section for component requirements.

Examples include the following:

- Preferred scores recommended for standardized exams that are required by academic components.
  - Review of completed undergraduate and graduate coursework.
  - Reference letters, essays, interviews, and evidence of scholarly activity such as publication in refereed journals, professional presentations, grant acquisition, portfolios, and professional leadership.
4. International and permanent resident applicants **must** submit one of the following to show English proficiency.
    - Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (<http://www.ets.org/toefl>) score of at least 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (iBT);
    - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) (<http://www.cambridgemichigan.org/melab>) score of 80 or higher;
    - International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (<http://www.ielts.org>) score of 6.5 or higher;
    - GRE (<http://www.ets.org/gre>) verbal score of 500 (153, Revised GRE) or higher; or
    - Pearson Test of English (<https://pearsonpte.com>) (PTE) Academic score of 53 or above.

See International Students (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/international-students>) for further information about English proficiency requirements.