

## Graduate Admissions Standards Guidelines

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The Montana Board of Regents Policy 301.3 states, “All graduate programs in the Montana University System shall establish admission and selection standards that are appropriate to the program of study.”

The Graduate Council at The University of Montana encourages all graduate programs to develop and rigorously apply admissions standards that ensure that the highest quality students participate in our graduate programs. All changes to admission requirements must be approved by the Graduate Council. The admissions standards will default to existing program requirements in the absence of changes submitted to and approved by the Council.

Guidelines: It is the expectation of The University of Montana and Graduate Council that graduate programs require a certain level of performance on a standardized test such as the GRE or GMAT or LSAT, etc. when selecting students for admission.

If programs elect to allow for applicants to demonstrate performance potential by means other than standardized testing, the Graduate Council recommends the program requirements follow these guidelines:

Either –

The applicant has a graduate degree in the field from an institution or program that is accredited, if applicable, along with at least one other qualification from (a), (b), or (c) below.

OR

The applicant has a GPA from an accredited undergraduate institution sufficient for success in the department’s graduate program along with at least two other qualifications from (a), (b), or (c) below.

\* (a) Experience:

Extensive, high-level, and relevant experience in the field of application

\* (b) Public Dissemination/ Performance:

Record of high quality scholarly and/or artistic contributions such as:

Publications in peer reviewed journals

Presentations at national conferences

Portfolio of artistic work or performances

\* (c) Other Application Materials:

Demonstration of ability to function with excellence in the discipline, by means such as:

Audition

Interview

Writing sample