

Minimum Graduate Admissions Requirements for All Applicants

<http://oregonstate.edu/admissions/minimum-graduate-admissions-requirements-all-applicants>

Current wording

Applicants must have:

- a four-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and
 - a combined GPA of 3.00 on the last 90 quarter (60 semester) credit hours of graded undergraduate work toward the first baccalaureate degree plus all work completed thereafter,
- OR**
- a four-year baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and
 - a 45 quarter credit-hour graduate degree from a regionally accredited university.

If the student has completed his or her baccalaureate degree in a country that is a signatory of the Bologna Declaration, then

- A baccalaureate degree of at least three years duration with a B average (equivalent 3.00 on a U.S. 4.00 grading scale) in the last two years, plus all subsequent graded course work;

OR:

- A baccalaureate degree of at least three years duration with a two-year (equivalent to 45-quarter credits) graduate degree.

The Graduate School will determine whether the general university conditions for admission have been met. The major department you select will examine the material submitted to determine the adequacy of scholastic background and to decide whether departmental facilities are adequate for your expressed aims. You will be notified by the Graduate School as to the action taken. A critical consideration in the decision is whether your academic objectives can be satisfactorily fulfilled by the graduate programs at Oregon State. Admission to OSU is competitive and meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

Under special circumstances, students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirements may be considered for admission. The major department will determine if they wish to support these applicants before the Graduate Admissions Committee. The Graduate Admissions Committee may consider the following additional criteria when reviewing applications from students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement: GRE or GMAT scores, the student's undergraduate institution, specific courses completed at the undergraduate and graduate level, and letters of recommendation from major professors or current employers.

Proposed Change

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- ~~a combined GPA of 3.00 on the last 90 quarter (60 semester) credit hours of graded undergraduate work toward the first baccalaureate degree plus all work completed thereafter,~~ a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on the most recent baccalaureate degree or any subsequent graduate degree. The major department may choose to calculate the GPA on the last 90 quarter credits (60 semester credits) of graded undergraduate work on the most recent baccalaureate degree, plus all work completed thereafter, and submit that GPA to the Graduate School as the

basis for admission.

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