AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Graduate School Admissions Requirements

Departments make admissions decisions based on the compatibility of the applicant’s goals with departmental resources, the availability of spaces for new students, and a holistic evaluation of the applicant’s potential for success in the program. Other considerations might typically include standardized test scores, grades and/or GPAs, letters of recommendation, writing samples, research or applied experience, and interviews.

To be considered for admission, the applicant must satisfy the following requirements:

1. The applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. institution or provide proof of equivalent training from a recognized academic institution outside the United States. Equivalency is determined by international evaluators in the Graduate School.

2. The applicant must be in academic good standing at the institution last attended.

3. The applicant must submit standardized examination scores (GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, and/or IELTS) if required for application to the degree program. Applicants with an earned doctorate (Professional, EdD, PhD) from an accredited institution whose instruction is in English may be exempted from this requirement.

4. The successful applicant normally will meet one of the following: a) a GPA of at least 2.75 on all undergraduate course work at an accredited United States institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree; b) a GPA of at least 3.0 on all graduate course work at an accredited United States institution in fulfillment of the requirements for a graduate degree; or c) an acceptable GRE or GMAT score as determined by the program to which the applicant applies.

5. Applicants whose native language is not English must submit either TOEFL scores of at least 550 on the written test (213 on the computer-based test), 79 on the Internet Based Test with at least 16 in each section, or IELTS overall band score of at least 6.5.

6. The applicant must be recommended for admission by the graduate faculty in the applicant’s area of study. Departments may (and frequently do) establish higher standards than those described here, and may require that applicants submit additional materials. Applicants should contact the department to which they seek admission for information about additional requirements.

Final evaluation of application files will not occur until all of the above requirements have been met.

Applicants will be notified by the dean of the Graduate School when an admissions decision has been made.

Some departments, operating with a limited number of spaces for students each year, make final decisions for the fall semester in early spring.