

Admission Requirements

The School of Graduate Studies assists students throughout the entire admissions process. A prospective graduate student must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Must hold the minimum equivalent of an earned baccalaureate degree, consisting of 120+ semester credit hours, from a duly accredited college or University in the United States of America through a regional agency, or its equivalent from an accredited foreign institution or a Bologna bachelor's degree minimum of 180 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits.
- Provide an official transcript and degree statement (with the date of award & title of degree awarded) for verification to the Leighton's School of Graduate Studies Admissions Office. Students who submit their respective department or program officially are still required to submit an additional transcript to the School of Graduate Studies Admissions Office immediately following enrolling. For more information, see Official Transcripts Requirements.

Grade Point Average

- Have earned at least a 2.75 GPA (on a 4-point scale), obtained from a regionally accredited college or university in the U.S. or its equivalent from a foreign institution on the last 90 graded quarter credits or 60 graded semester credit hours from a baccalaureate degree.
- Have additional credits earned from an accredited institution after a degree may be included in calculating the GPA.
- With approval from the director of the School of Graduate Studies, a prospective graduate applicant may petition for admission when the earned GPA is below. Approval, in this case, may not be automatic, and the Director reserves the right not to consider the petition.

English Proficiency

- A demonstration of proficiency in English is required of all non-native English speakers.
- Applicants admitted with proficiency scores in the 80 -91 range will be required to take additional English language classes during their graduate studies.
- Applicants not meeting the minimum level of English language proficiency will not be considered for admission. Conditional admission is not considered.