

Winthrop University Graduate School Admissions Policies

Admissions Classifications

Applicants to graduate degree programs may be admitted to the Graduate School under two classifications: full admission or provisional admission.

Full Admission

Applicants are fully admitted to a graduate program based on the probability of their success in completing the requirements for graduation. Full admission indicates that the student meets all admissions standards of the Graduate School and the individual graduate program.

Provisional Admission

Applicants are provisionally admitted to a graduate program when their application suggests a reasonable probability of success but falls below standards for full admission in no more than one of the following ways:

- Previous academic record is weak.
- Prerequisite coursework is limited or insufficient.
- Applicant's previous program of study is not directly related to the intended graduate program.
- Other requirements unique to individual graduate program.

A student may take up to 12 graduate hours as a provisionally admitted student. Upon successful completion of coursework as a provisionally admitted student, the student will be fully admitted to the program by the Graduate School. During their first 12 graduate credit hours, a provisionally admitted student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and may not receive a grade of C+ or lower. If the provisionally admitted student fails to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or receives a C+ or lower for any course within his or her first 12 graduate hours, the student is dismissed from graduate study.

Full admission may be granted after fewer than 12 hours based on the provisionally admitted student's strong academic performance and the recommendation of the graduate program director. A course in which the provisional student chooses to withdraw before the withdrawal deadline will not be included in this 12-hour limit. A provisional student who chooses to withdraw from a course within his or her first 12 hours may not be eligible for financial aid the following semester, because a student seeking financial aid must be enrolled in at least six semester hours. Students provisionally admitted to cohort graduate programs requiring more than 12 hours in a specific sequence must receive a B or higher in all courses.

A provisional student dismissed from graduate study may apply for readmission after 4 academic terms but is no longer eligible for provisional admission. The student may apply for

admission to a different graduate program after two academic terms following dismissal. Provisionally admitted students are eligible to apply for and receive graduate assistantships and receive the same financial aid benefits as fully admitted students.

International students who do not meet English Language Proficiency requirements are ineligible for provisional admission.