

4.2.5 GRADUATE SCHOOL

Students seeking applying for admission to the University of Kentucky Graduate School must hold a baccalaureate degree from a fully accredited institution of higher learning.

However, in the case of students applying for admission to the Graduate School under the auspices of an approved, in-force cooperative education agreement with a US or international partner institution, the requirement of having a completed baccalaureate degree may be temporarily waived for up to 12 months per the cooperative agreement; no graduate degree will be awarded until a bachelor's degree from a fully accredited institution of higher learning has been awarded. Such cooperative education agreements shall consider the following criteria regarding the potential benefit for UK and the US or international partner institution: congruence with the academic, research, service priorities, and plans of the University of Kentucky as well as the Department and College proposing the agreement; congruence with the University of Kentucky's mission; anticipated benefits to students, faculty members, the University of Kentucky, and university stakeholders; evidence of institutional quality including, for example, reputation, international/national ranking, and accreditation status.

The Provost's Office shall ensure that approval procedures for cooperative education agreements, including endorsement by the faculty of the affected degree program, are created, maintained, and published in accordance with the considerations listed above. Biennially, a representative from the Provost's Office shall prepare a report to the Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SAASC) on new cooperative education agreements and how they are in compliance with the criteria identified in this section of the Senate Rules.

All applicants for admission to a graduate degree program must have an undergraduate grade point standing of at least 2.75, and a graduate grade point standing (if applicable) of at least 3.0 on a basis of 4.0. Furthermore, all applicants must submit scores on the verbal, quantitative and analytical portions of the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). This rule may be waived in individual cases upon recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies in the individual department or program. However, in cases where waivers are granted, the GRE scores must be submitted before the end of the first semester of graduate study. The advanced portion of the GRE may be required by individual programs. A student with a grade point average of less than 2.75, or a graduate of a non-accredited institution, may be admitted or provisionally admitted, only after the (GRE) and other evidence acceptable to the program and the Dean of the Graduate School is submitted indicating that the student is capable of doing satisfactory graduate work. Individual programs may establish higher requirements. [US: 10/12/98]

A graduate program faculty may petition the Graduate Council to allow its applicants to substitute another standardized exam for the GRE. A graduate program faculty may also petition the Graduate Council to exempt all of its applicants from the requirement to submit GRE scores; for such a petition to be successful, the program must show that the GRE is not useful in its admissions process. Either type of petition must be transmitted by the Dean of the College in which the program resides to the Graduate Council. The Graduate School will continue to require GRE scores for all Graduate School fellowship applications.

