

# GRADUATE ADMISSION

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## Master's and Doctoral

You must meet Graduate School and specific program requirements for admission. Please navigate to the Graduate School website (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/admission/>) to see the Master's and Doctoral graduate school admission requirements. Refer to the program for its specific admission requirements.

Please be aware of recommended and required deadlines (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/gradresources/program-deadlines/>). We recommend applying at least one year in advance of the term you wish to start.

## Graduate Certificate

A certificate program is a sequence of courses that provides specialized knowledge and skills for personal enrichment, professional advancement, or career change. Certificate programs may provide:

- A basic introduction to an established field of study.
- An interdisciplinary approach linking several fields.
- A concentrated focus on a sub-field.

You must meet Graduate School and specific certificate program requirements for admission. Please go to the Graduate School website (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/admission/>) to see the graduate school admission requirements. Refer to the certificate program for its specific admission requirements.

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## Non-Degree

This admission category (also referred to as Graduate Special) allows you to take courses for graduate credit without pursuing a degree. Acceptance as an NDC does not guarantee admission to a graduate degree program.

Some programs have a minimum undergraduate grade point average for NDC admission. In addition, there are limits to the number of NDC credits that can be considered for transfer to a degree program (see Master's Requirements (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/academic-policies-and-procedures/masters-resources/masters-requirements/>) for transferring credits to a master's program and Doctoral Requirements (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/academic-policies-and-procedures/doctoral-resources/doctoral-requirements/>) for transferring credits to a doctoral program).

NDC students are usually not eligible for financial aid. Check with the Financial Aid Office regarding your particular situation. International applicants need to contact the Center for International Education (<https://uwm.edu/cie/>) for additional NDC requirements.

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## Off-Campus

The Off-Campus application is for graduate students not pursuing a degree or certificate program and are interested in participating in face-to-face or hybrid classes being offered somewhere other than the UWM main campus. Certain professional development courses or special programs may also be offered through the Off-Campus application.

A bachelor's degree is required for admission.

You must apply for Off-Campus admission using the Graduate School Admission Application (<https://admissions.uwm.edu/register/?id=442d088c-4d8a-4572-be4e-00a5267ed73b>). Look for the **Off Campus Application** link at the bottom of the left menu on the application home page.

## Re-entering Admission

If you plan to return to your graduate program after an absence of two or more semesters (excluding summer and UWinterIM sessions), you must apply to re-enter the Graduate School.

Please refer to the Graduate School website (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/students/admission/re-entering-grad-school/>) to determine if you meet the Re-Entry admission requirements prior to submitting an application.