Graduate Programs

Graduate Degrees Conferred

Degrees
Adult & Higher Education (M.Ed., Ed.D. & Ph.D.)
Agricultural Education (M.S.)
American Studies (M.A. & Ph.D.)
Animal & Range Science (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Applied Economics (M.S.)
Applied Mechanics (Ph.D.)
Architecture (M.Arch.)
Art (M.F.A.)
Art History (M.A.)
Biochemistry (Ph.D.)
Bioengineering Engineering (M.Eng.)
Biological Sciences (M.S.) (Ph.D.)
Chemical & Biological Engineering (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Chemical Engineering (M.S., M.Eng. & Ph.D.)
Chemistry (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Civil Engineering (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Computer Science (M.S.) (Ph.D.)
Counseling (M.S.) (Options: Marriage & Family, Mental Health, and School)
Curriculum & Instruction (M.Ed., Ed.D.& Ph.D.)
Earth Sciences (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Educational Leadership (M.Ed., Ed.D.& Ph.D.) (Superintendent & Principal Endorsement*)
Education Specialist (Ed.S.)
Electrical & Computer Engineering (M.S., M.Eng. & Ph.D.)
Ecology & Environmental Sciences (Ph.D.) Interdisciplinary
English (M.A.)
Entomology (M.S.)
Environmental Engineering (M.S. & Ph.D.) Interdisciplinary
Exercise & Nutrition Sciences (M.S.)
Family Financial Planning (M.S.)*
Fish & Wildlife Management (M.S.)
Fish and Wildlife Biology (Ph.D.)
Food, Family & Community Health Sciences (M.S.)
Health Sciences (M.S.) Interdisciplinary History (M.A., & Ph.D.)
Immunology and Infectious Disease (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Industrial & Management Engineering (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Land Rehabilitation (M.S.) Interdisciplinary
Land Resources & Environmental Sciences (M.S.)**
Materials Science (Ph.D.) (Interdisciplinary & Intercampus)**
Mathematics (M.S. & Ph.D.) (Options in Math Education)
Mechanical Engineering (M.S. & M.Eng & Ph.D.)
Microbiology (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Native American Studies (M.A.)
Neuroscience (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Nursing: ADRN to MN & Clinical Nurse Leader (M.N.)**
Nursing (D.N.P) (Options: Practice Family/Individual or Psych/Mental)**
Optics Engineering (M.S.) Interdisciplinary
Physics (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Plant Pathology (M.S.)
Plant Science (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac)
Psychological Science (Ph.D.)
Public Administration (M.P.A.)
Science Education (M.S.) Interdisciplinary**
Science & Natural History Film Making (M.F.A.) Interdisciplinary
Statistics (M.S. & Ph.D.)

Certificate Programs
Addiction Counselor**
Applied Statistics*
Chemistry Teaching**
College Teaching*
Earth Science Teaching**
Elementary School Science Teaching**
Library Media**
Life Science Teaching**
MDI: Montana Dietetic Internship*
Native American Studies**
Nursing Education**
Physics Teaching**
Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical*
* online program
** online or onsite program

Graduate Admissions
Persons eligible to apply as degree-seeking graduates must 1) hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and 2) have demonstrated potential for graduate study, as indicated by the admitting department. Academic record is one such indicator of potential. The standard is cumulative B average (3.0-4.0) or better of undergraduate or graduate work. Some departments may require a master’s degree prior to admission to a doctoral program.

Admission decisions are made on an individual basis. The application is first reviewed by the admitting department’s review committee and then by The Graduate School to determine if an applicant’s academic history and preparation are satisfactory before a decision is made. All applicants will receive a formal decision.

Students may be admitted as a degree seeking or a non-degree seeking student. In a degree seeking status, a student can be admitted as either a full, conditional, or provisional standing. In a conditional admittance, the Graduate School is typically missing an official document. A hold will prevent an admitted student from registering until the document is received. With a provisional standing, there may be stipulations placed on the admittance written into the acceptance letter, developed by the department and/or the Graduate School. For non-degree admissions, all of the above apply, except for provisional admittance.

Applicants should consider themselves admitted only when they have received an official acceptance notification from The Graduate School. Being accepted into a graduate degree program may be limited by the availability of faculty, staff, facilities, area of interest, and so forth. In such cases, it is not possible to admit all applicants who are otherwise qualified.

For full explanation of the above, see the Graduate School’s Policies and Procedures.

Entrance Exams
Each department sets its own entrance exam requirements. Please contact the department to which you are applying for more information (see Department Listing (http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/graduate-programs)).

English Proficiency Exams
International applicants must submit an English Proficiency exam score, using: TOEFL, PTE, or IELTS. See the International Application (http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/policy/admissions_intl.html) page for additional information.
American Cultural Exchange Language Institute
(http://www.montana.edu/international/admissions/language_instruction.html)

The American Cultural Exchange Language Institute (ACELI) at Montana State University is an academic preparation program in seven levels.

Through enrollment, the ACELI prepares international students for the TOEFL exam.

For detailed information, see The Graduate School at MSU Web page at www.montana.edu/gradschool.
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