

Admissions Requirements and Application Process

For degree status, the general university graduate admissions requirements are as follows:

- An earned baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education or international equivalent must be verified from official transcripts.
- A 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) or better in baccalaureate study. If a student does not meet this requirement they may be accepted provisionally.

For full consideration for graduate admission, applicants must submit the following:

- A completed *Application for Graduate Study*. Applications can be found online at: <http://admissions.gmu.edu/grad/applynow/>
- The non-refundable *application fee*.
- Two official copies of *transcripts* from each undergraduate and graduate institution attended.
- A 750 – 1000 word expanded *goals statement*.
- Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a faculty member (recommended) in the applicant's



undergraduate or graduate major field (two required for Graduate Certificate).

- The Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates, if claiming entitlement to Virginia in-state tuition rates.
- CV or Resume indicating relevant work experience.
- Background courses in the social sciences, as well as prior work experience, are desirable.
- PhD program applicants must include a *written sample* of work that shows the applicant's potential for completing dissertation research in a doctoral program.
- In addition to the requirements above, PhD applicants must have a graduate level degree.

The GRE is not required, but may be submitted. The TOEFL or ILETS is required if applicable.

Application Deadlines:

Program	Fall Deadline	Spring Deadline
PhD	December 1	N/A
MS	January 15	October 1
Graduate Certificate	May 1	October 1

Important: Letters of recommendation, goals statement, writing sample and resume are to be uploaded and submitted online as part of the online admissions application. Transcripts should be sent to:

S-CAR Graduate Admissions
3351 N Fairfax Drive MSN 4D3
Arlington, VA 22201

International Student Information: Office of International Programs and Services: <http://oips.gmu.edu/>

For further assistance and questions, please email us at: scarinfo@gmu.edu