



## Graduate School Admissions Classifications Policy

Responsible Official: Provost

Responsible Office: Graduate School, College  
of Graduate and Continuing Studies

### Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to detail the graduate admission classifications that may be offered to prospective students.

### Policy Statement

I. Unconditional Admission.

A prospective graduate student may be admitted unconditionally as a degree-seeking student if the individual has fulfilled all the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the criteria of the program to which the applicant applied. The admission requirements for an Unconditional Admission are detailed in the Graduate School Admission Policy for Degree-seeking Students.

II. Unconditional Admission with Provision(s).

A prospective graduate student may be accepted under this category if the individual is in the process of completing prerequisite courses or degrees, or needs to submit official transcript(s), or their credentials are less competitive. The admission requirements for an Unconditional Admission with Provision are detailed in the Graduate School Admission Policy for Degree-seeking Students.

This graduate admission status will not be granted when significant admission criteria are missing, such as required standardized testing, sufficient letters of recommendation, or in the case of international students, proof of equivalent U.S. accredited undergraduate degrees.

Provision(s) will be outlined in the admission letter and must be met by the date specified. If no date is specified, the provisions must be met prior to the completion of fifteen (15) graduate credits or one calendar year from the date of admission, whichever is later. The student must submit a Satisfaction of Required Provision(s) Form to the Graduate School. The Dean of the

Graduate School or the designee will review the form to confirm all requirements have been met.

A student who has not met the provision(s) deadlines will not be allowed to continue to register as a degree-seeking student and cannot be admitted to candidacy until the provision(s) have been met. Failure to meet the provision(s) may result in dismissal from the program.

III. Visiting Graduate Student.

A prospective graduate student who plans to earn a limited number of credits for transfer to another college or university (not ETSU) where they are enrolled in a degree program may be admitted as a visiting student. The admission requirements for a Visiting Graduate Student are detailed in the Graduate School Admission Policy for Non-Degree Seeking Students.

IV. Graduate Non-degree Seeking Student.

A prospective graduate student who wishes to enroll in graduate courses may be admitted as a non-degree seeking student. The admission requirements for a Graduate Non-degree Seeking Student are detailed in the Graduate School Admission Policy for Graduate Non-Degree Seeking Students.

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**Defined Terms**

N/A

**Policy History**

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**Scope and Applicability**

Primary: Academic

Secondary: Students