

APPLICATION, ADMISSION, AND REGISTRATION POLICIES

Application and Admission Procedures

The application (and all required documentation) is to be submitted directly to the Faculty of Graduate Studies via the online application system. **Applicants should contact the department/unit to which they are applying for the procedures and requirements which are specific to the program of application.** Contact information for each department/unit can be found on the Graduate programs of study website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>).

Process

1. A completed official application for admission form must be submitted, together with the application fee and supporting documentation, to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, via the online application system.

Note: International students must pay special attention to the appropriate requirements with respect to transcripts (see application form for details).

2. Applications are subsequently reviewed by the unit offering the program which will decide whether the applicant meets the unit's criteria including, but not limited to, availability of advisors, space, and facilities.
3. Notification of recommended/rejected applications is sent by the Head of the unit to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Applications recommended for admission are checked to determine if they meet the Faculty of Graduate Studies' eligibility requirements. The Faculty of Graduate Studies then notifies applicants of their acceptance or rejection.

Deadlines for Recommended Applications (from Departments/Units to the Faculty of Graduate Studies)

The following are the deadlines for receipt by the Faculty of Graduate Studies of recommendations from departments/units.

Term	Start Date	Canadian/US	International
Fall	September	July 1	April 1
Winter	January	November 1	August 1
Summer	May	March 1	December 1

IMPORTANT: These are not application deadlines. Applicants are required to submit the application and documentation to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to meet the application deadline in place for a particular department/unit. Deadlines vary depending on the program to which the applicant is applying and whether the applicant is domestic or international. Deadlines can be found by clicking the appropriate application program page on the Graduate programs of study website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>).

Application Fee

A \$100.00 (CDN) non-refundable fee must accompany an application for admission. The Physician Assistant Studies and Orthodontics programs charge an additional fee of \$25 and \$50, respectively.

Transcripts

Unofficial copies of transcripts and final degree certificates are acceptable for initial assessment and provisional admission purposes. Upon admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, applicants must arrange for official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended to be sent to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, within one (1) month of the date on the admission letter. Applicants will be placed on hold, which prevents registration until all admission requirements have been submitted. **All transcripts must arrive in sealed, university-stamped envelopes sent directly from the issuing institution(s) and be accompanied by official and literal English translations** (Please refer to Transcripts: International below). For international degrees or where the transcripts does not or will not clearly state that a degree has been conferred, a copy of the official degree certificate is also required.

Transcripts: International

Where academic records from a country other than Canada are produced in a language other than English, the applicant must arrange for the submission of official literal English translations of all records. To be official, original language documents and English translations must arrive together in envelopes which have been sealed and endorsed by the issuing institution. For international degrees, a copy of the official degree certificate is also required.

Transcripts: University of Manitoba

University of Manitoba students are not required to submit University of Manitoba transcripts.

Proficiency in English

A successfully completed English Language Proficiency Test from the approved list is required of all applicants unless they have received a secondary school diploma and/or university degree from Canada or one of the countries listed on the English Language Proficiency Test Exemption List (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/graduate-student-admissions/requirements/#countries-exempt-from-english-language-requirements>). The Faculty of Graduate Studies requires a passing, acceptable English Language Test score in order to offer admission. Please note: in all cases, test scores older than two (2) years (from the time of completing the test) are invalid.

Thresholds required for successful completion are indicated in parentheses.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet based - iBT® (86; minimum score of 20 in each of reading, writing, listening and speaking categories). The "best score" will not be considered for admission. Only individual test scores will be used to meet the minimum requirements.
- Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Teachers (CanTEST®) (band 4.5 in listening and reading and band 4.0 in writing and oral interview)
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS™) (6.5 in the Academic Module)
- Academic English Program for University and College Entrance (AEPUC) (65%)
- PTE Academic (61% overall)

Note:

In addition, foreign language students may be asked by the department/unit to complete the CanTEST prior to or following registration in the

Faculty of Graduate Studies and, if need be, the department/unit may recommend remedial measures in language skills based on the results of the CanTEST. Some units may require a specific test or test scores greater than those indicated above. Students should check department/unit supplementary regulations for details.

English Language Proficiency Test Exemption List

Applicants holding secondary school diplomas and/or recognized university degrees from countries on the Faculty of Graduate Studies English Language exemption list are not required to submit an English Language Proficiency score. For more information please see our website (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/graduate-student-admissions/requirements/#countries-exempt-from-english-language-requirements>).

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation are to be completed via the online application. Recommendation letters submitted via post or email are not accepted. Applicants are required to add their 'Recommendation Provider(s)' contact information so that each recommender is sent an automated email notification.

Generally, two (2) Letters of Recommendation must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. For the number of recommendation letters necessary, applicants should review their specific Graduate programs of study website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>).

Admission Tests

Some departments/units require admissions tests, such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) or the Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT™). These requirements are listed in the supplementary regulations of the particular department/unit, and if required, the scores must be submitted at the time of application.

Entrance Requirements

The minimum standard for acceptance into any category in the Faculty of Graduate Studies is a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent in the last two (2) years of full time university study (60 credit hours).

Note: This is the minimum requirement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and departments/units may have higher standards and additional criteria.

Eligibility of University of Manitoba Staff Members

A staff member at The University of Manitoba at the rank of Assistant Professor or above is not eligible to apply for admission to a graduate program in the department/unit in which the appointment is held.

Registration Procedures

Registration

Pre-Master's students are not normally allowed to register in 7000-level courses or above, with the exception of GRAD 7500, unless prior permission is granted by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or designate. See General Regulations - Pre-Master's (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/general-regulations-pre-masters/>) for additional information.

Undergraduate students may be permitted to register in 7000-level courses or above on recommendation of the department/unit offering the graduate course, subject to the conditions listed below.

- Undergraduate students must obtain permission from the department/unit head and course instructor before registering for a graduate course.
- Only undergraduate students completing an undergraduate degree at the University of Manitoba are eligible to enroll in a graduate course.
- Undergraduate students are not eligible for admission to any graduate course that is cross-listed with an undergraduate course, or that is scheduled to be taught at the same time and location as an undergraduate class.
- Undergraduate students will only be eligible to receive graduate-level credit for a course designated as 7000-level or above if at least 75% of the students registered in the course are graduate students.
- Undergraduate students who complete a graduate course are not guaranteed admission to a graduate program.

On admission to a graduate program at the University of Manitoba, application may be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to apply any previously completed graduate courses toward meeting program requirements, subject to the restrictions listed below.

- No more than 50% of the coursework required in a graduate program may be imported.
- Only courses in which a C+ grade or higher, or the minimum grade required by the program to which the course would be applied, are eligible to be considered towards meeting the requirements of any graduate program.
- Any graduate course completed by an undergraduate student may subsequently be applied to a graduate program only if it has not been used toward completion of any other degree program.
- Any graduate course completed by an undergraduate student for which a passing grade has been obtained (i.e., C+ or higher) may not be repeated should the student later gain admission to a graduate program.
- Courses completed more than seven (7) years prior to the date of awarding a degree may not normally be used for credit towards the degree (please refer to Lapse or Expiration of Credit of Courses (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Lapse-Credit-Courses>)).

All graduate students must initially register in the term indicated in their letter of acceptance as specified in the Academic Schedule of the Graduate Calendar. Any student not registering by the registration deadline for the term specified in their letter of offer will be required to re-apply for admission; admission is not guaranteed if a student re-applies to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In exceptional circumstances and with prior approval from the department/unit, a student may defer registration for up to one (1) term following acceptance into the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In the case of international students, admission may be deferred, with prior approval from the department/unit, for up to one (1) year following acceptance.

All programs must be approved by the Head of the major department/unit or designate. Approval to take courses from departments/units outside the major department/unit must be obtained from the outside department/unit.

The approval or denial of admission and registration to two (2) concurrent programs rests with the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in consultation with the department/unit concerned. The request for approval or denial must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies prior to the student's admission/registration on the "Concurrent

Curriculum Permission (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>) form.

Where a student does register in two (2) programs, it is important to note that dual registration may affect funding, and that completing a graduate program as a part-time student will affect eligibility for The University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF) and may limit other funding possibilities.

Re-Registration

All students must re-register in all Fall, Winter and Summer terms of their program until a degree is obtained. **Failure to re-register will result in the student being discontinued from their graduate program.**

A student who has been discontinued and would like to be considered for continuation in a program must apply for re-admission, which is not guaranteed. The re-registration requirement does not apply to occasional students, visiting students, Pre-Master's students or students on an Exceptional or Parental Leave of Absence (please refer to "Leave of Absence (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/leaves-absence/>)").

The notation 'Discontinued Graduate Program' will be placed on the academic record of any graduate student who has failed to maintain continuous registration.

Registration Revisions

For designated periods subsequent to registration, approved revisions may be made. It is required that students adhere to dates and deadlines as published in the Academic Schedule (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-schedule/>) of the Graduate Academic Calendar.

Note: Graduate students are not permitted to withdraw from courses without written permission from their department/unit Head on recommendation from their advisor/co-advisor (and/or advisory committee). The notation "Required to Withdraw" may be placed on the academic record of any graduate student who has withdrawn from courses without such approval.

Advisor Student Guidelines (ASG)

All students in thesis/practicum programs, in consultation with their advisor/co-advisor, are required to complete the ASG as soon as possible after registration but no later than at the time of submission of the first Progress Report. If a student does not have an advisor/co-advisor at this time, the interim advisor will be required to complete the ASG. The ASG is to be completed again if there is a change in advisor/co-advisor. The ASG form is available through JUMP only.

Western Deans' Agreement

This agreement was established in 1974 as an expression of co-operation and mutual support among universities offering graduate programs in western Canada. Its primary purpose is the reciprocal enrichment of graduate programs throughout western Canada. This agreement is not intended to preclude other agreements between participating institutions. A list of the participating Universities can be found on the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies website (<http://wcdgs.ca/>). University of Manitoba graduate students interested in participating can learn more about how to apply on the Registrar's Office (<https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/letter-permission/>) website.

The Western Deans' Agreement normally provides an automatic tuition fee waiver for visiting students. Graduate students paying normal

required tuition fees to their home institution will not pay tuition fees to the host institution.

Only degree level courses from recognized post-secondary institutions will be considered; courses that are part of certificate or diploma programs will not be approved.

Program fees are always to be paid to the home institution, regardless of coursework taken at another institution. Students may be required to pay student, activity, application, or other ancillary fees to the host institution, according to general policies in effect at the host institution. Wherever possible, these fees will also be waived.

Students will qualify for the fee waiver if they:

1. Present the "Authorization Form: Western Deans' Agreement (<http://wcdgs.ca/content/dam/ex/wcdgs/Western-Deans-Agreement.pdf>)" signed by the University of Manitoba graduate student's department/unit Head or advisor/co-advisor to the Faculty of Graduate Studies at least eight (8) weeks prior to the start of the term of the course(s) at the host institution. The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (or designate) will review and sign the form and submit it to the participating Western Deans' institution at least six (6) weeks prior to the start of the term, specifying the course(s) to be taken for credit toward a graduate degree program at the student's home institution;
2. Are in good standing in a graduate program at the home institution;
3. Do not owe tuition and/or fees at the home institution.

Students must meet all requirements as prescribed by the host university's regulations, deadlines, class capacities, and course prerequisites.

Registration is possible in courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and in credit courses offered through distance education or other means. To be eligible, courses must be an integral part of the applicant's graduate degree program. Fee waiver is not permitted for audit or non-credit courses.

Students must have the Authorization Form approved by the relevant department/unit Head and the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the host institution at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the course(s) requested. The fee waiver is not available retroactively.

Students are subject to regulations of the home institution governing credit for the courses to be undertaken. As a condition of registration at the host institution, students will arrange for official transcripts from the host institution to be sent to the home institution confirming successful completion of courses selected.

Students must send confirmation of registration and notice of any change to the Registrar's Office of the home institution at the time of registration or course change is completed.

Students may not claim fee waivers under the terms of this Agreement for a period of more than three (3) terms in total.

Each institution has its own regulations regarding the maximum number of transfer credits permitted in a given degree program. A list of the participating Universities can be found on the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies website (<http://wcdgs.ca/>).

Course Classifications

General Classifications

Students who register through Aurora Student Information System (Aurora Student) must also have prior approval of the department/unit Head or designate. Students registering through Aurora Student should add only those courses that are a Major (Standard "S") course in their program. Courses with Auxiliary "X", Audit "A", or Occasional "O" status (see below) must be added by the department/unit.

"X" Auxiliary course: Course is not a major requirement of the program but is required/recommended by the student's advisor/co-advisor.* Extra courses that are not part of the Master's or Ph.D. program but which are specified and required/recommended by the student's advisor/co-advisor, may be classified as "X" (Auxiliary) and the grade will not be included in the degree GPA which appears on the transcript. However, "X" course grades may be used in the calculation of the GPA for continuation in the program and a minimum grade requirement may be required for "X" coursework by the department/unit. (Please consult the individual department/unit's supplementary regulations (http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/graduate_studies/admin/supplemental_regulations.html.) Additionally, "X" courses are used in the calculation of the GPA for the purposes of Admission and Awards. (The University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship [UMGF] and International Graduate Student Scholarship [IGSS] use "X" courses in the calculation of the GPA.) The student's advisor/co-advisor and department/unit Head must determine if there is a valid need for the registration in courses under the X classification. A maximum of twelve (12) credit hours under the "X" course classification is permitted while registered in a given program.

"A" Audit course: Course is not taken for credit. No grade is recorded. Additional fees will be assessed.

"O" Occasional course: Course is not a requirement of the program. Additional fees will be assessed.

Note:

- Students are not permitted to audit a course and take the same course for credit at a later date.
- Changes in course classifications are regarded as course/program changes and may not be made without approval (refer to Registration Revision (p. 3)) or after the deadline dates for course changes as indicated in the Academic Schedule of the *Calendar*.

Continuing Courses (CO)

For those graduate level courses (6000, 7000, and 8000) which are being taken by students enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and which continue beyond the normal academic term, the instructor shall recommend that a mark classification of CO be used until such time as a final grade can be established. If the course is not completed by August 31, the student must re-register for the course(s).

In the absence of an assigned mark of CO, the student may receive a mark of F in that term.

Note:

A CO will normally not be permitted longer than twelve (12) months. In exceptional circumstances, where a CO grade is requested for a second twelve (12) months, at the time the CO grade is submitted, the instructor and department/unit Head must also submit the "Recommendation for Continuing Status of a Course" (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/>

forms/) form stating the reason for the CO and the deadline by which the course must be completed.

Incomplete Courses

Students who are unable to complete the term work prescribed in a course may apply to the instructor prior to the end of term for consideration of a grade classification of "Incomplete". It is understood that the student is to write the final examination if one is scheduled for the course. A "Time Extension for Completion of Term Work" (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>) form must be completed.

Taking into account the results of the final examination, the value of the term work completed, and the extent of the incomplete term work, the instructor shall calculate the temporary grade using a zero value for incomplete work.

Normally, the following maximum extensions are allowed:

- August 1st for courses terminated in April
- December 1st for courses terminated in August
- April 1st for courses terminated in December

If a final grade is not reported within one (1) month of the extension deadline, the Incomplete (I) classification will be dropped and the grade will remain as awarded. Normally, the student will no longer have an opportunity to improve the grade. In no case will the satisfaction of the incomplete requirements result in a lower grade being awarded.

Cross-Listed Courses

Cross-listed courses are defined as courses taught at the same time and in the same location.

The regulations below place limits on the extent to which cross-listed courses may be used to meet graduate program requirements.

1. In order to receive credit for any 7000-level course that is cross-listed with a 3000-, 4000-, or 5000-level undergraduate course, the 7000-level course must have a distinct syllabus, and the course content and evaluation methods must be at the graduate-level.
2. Graduate students will not receive credit toward meeting program requirements for any 7000-level course cross-listed with a 1000- or 2000-level undergraduate course unless prior permission is granted by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or designate.
3. Graduate students will not receive credit toward meeting program requirements for any 7000-level course cross-listed with a previously completed course.

Student Status/Categories of Students

Full-Time and Part-Time Students

Graduate students are admitted as full-time students. Graduate student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. Therefore, students who spend much of the time in a laboratory or library engaged in research or writing a thesis/practicum, or who spend part of the academic year engaged in research elsewhere, are regarded as full-time students.

Student status should be determined by the student and advisor/co-advisor, and changes must be requested on the "Part-Time Status" form (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>). The form must be approved by the department/unit Head and submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Declaration of full/part time status must be made prior to the end of the registration revision period in the Fall and/or Winter terms and within one (1) month of the start of the Summer term.

For every full year (12 months) that a Master's student is declared as part time, they will receive an additional four (4) months in time to complete their program. For every two (2) full years (24 months) a Master's student is declared as part time, they will receive an additional year (12 months) in time to complete their program. Master's students who declare part time status for less than one year (12 months) are not permitted any additional time to complete their program. Retroactive status changes will not be made.

For every two (2) full years (24 months) that a Ph.D. student is declared as part time, they will receive an additional four (4) months in time to complete their program. Ph.D. students who declare part time status for less than two (2) full years (24 months) are not permitted any additional time to complete their program. Retroactive status changes will not be made.

Pre-Master's Or Qualifying Students

In specific cases where the academic background of the student is judged to be insufficient for the given program in a department/unit, the department/unit may recommend that the student be admitted to a Pre-Master's program of study. The Pre-Master's program is intended to bring the student's standing to approximately the level of an Honours graduate in the major department/unit, and to provide any necessary prerequisites for courses.

Occasional Students

A student wishing to take graduate courses with no intention of applying them toward an advanced degree at The University of Manitoba is classified as an occasional student. Occasional students must meet the same degree and grade point average entrance requirements as regular graduate students and must write final examinations in the courses taken (unless audited), but will not receive credit toward a degree. In special circumstances, an occasional student may apply for permission to proceed to a degree program and also apply for transfer, for credit, of courses previously taken in the "occasional" category.

Occasional student status is not advised for international students due to study permit limitations. If you are an international student interested in becoming an occasional student, please contact the Graduate Studies admissions office and University of Manitoba International Centre.

Note:

1. Transfer of courses from the "occasional" category to a degree program is not automatic: request for advance credit must be made within the first year of a degree program on the "Advance Credit – Transfer of Credi (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/t>)" form.
2. Fees paid by a student while registered as an occasional student are not transferable, at a later date, to a degree program.
3. Registration in the occasional student category can be for no more than one (1) academic year (September 1 - August 31) without reapplication.
4. At least 60% of coursework per academic year must be taken at the graduate level while registered as an occasional student.

Joint Master's (With the University of Winnipeg)

The University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg offer four (4) joint Master's programs: History, Religion, Public Administration, and Peace and Conflict Studies. The University of Manitoba, Faculty of Graduate Studies is responsible for the administration of the joint programs, and students must complete the regular University of Manitoba application and registration forms. Students taking Pre-Master's qualifying work for these programs register at the university where the courses are being taken.

Visiting Students

Visiting students are students who are registered at another institution who are taking one (1) or more courses at The University of Manitoba on a Letter of Permission from their home university. Visiting students must submit an online application, along with a \$100.00 (CDN) non-refundable application fee, in addition to copies of transcripts from all institutions attended and a successfully completed English Language Proficiency Test from the approved list, if applicable. Applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies a minimum of one (1) month prior to the start of the intended term of study.

Note:

1. Fees paid by a student while registered as a visiting student are not transferable, at a later date, to a degree program.
2. Registration in the visiting student category can be for no more than one (1) academic year (September 1 - August 31) without reapplication.
3. At least 60% of coursework per academic year must be taken at the graduate level while registered as a visiting student.
4. Registration at two different universities on a Letter of Permission (<https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/letter-permission/>) (Including Western Dean's and CUGTA) must have permission from the Dean of Graduate Studies. Students must provide a letter from their home department stating that they are in good academic standing and that they are permitted to take courses at multiple institutions.

Student Accessibility

See Accessibility Policy and Procedure. (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/university-policies-procedures/accessibility-policy/>)