

# BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SMEAL - PH.D., M.S.)

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## Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-admissions/how-to-apply/>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Applicants to the Ph.D. program are required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) (<https://www.mba.com/exams/gmat/>) or the Graduate Record of Examination (GRE) (<https://www.ets.org/gre/>). The program does not admit applicants for the terminal Master of Science (M.S.) degree.

Criteria for evaluating applicants for the Ph.D. program include professional and academic accomplishments, GMAT/GRE scores, recommendations, and personal data from application forms that provide indications of future academic and professional accomplishment.

Ph.D. candidates may begin either the fall or spring semester. However, only rarely are admissions for the Ph.D. programs granted for spring semester. Individuals from all undergraduate disciplines are encouraged to apply.

The language of instruction at Penn State is English. English proficiency test scores (TOEFL/IELTS) may be required for international applicants. See GCAC-305 Admission Requirements for International Students (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-305-admission-requirements-international-students/>) for more information.