

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CAPITAL)

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/>).

The admission decision is based on the applicant's entire admission portfolio consisting of:

- undergraduate degree,
- post baccalaureate course work,
- either the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores,
- professional experience,
- letters of recommendation,
- and statements provided in the application.

An applicant with significant work experience may be admitted with a lower GMAT or GRE score, while an applicant with limited work experience may be admitted with a higher GMAT or GRE score and an outstanding undergraduate background.

The GMAT or GRE requirement may be waived for the following applicants:

- Graduates from business, engineering, science, or related fields with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 from accredited U.S. schools.
- Members of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honors society.
- Ph.D., J.D., M.D., or Master's degree holders in business, engineering, science, or related fields from accredited U.S. schools.

Please note that there is no GMAT or GRE waiver for applicants seeking graduate assistantships.

Please visit the GMAT website (<http://www.mba.com/us/>) or the GRE website (<http://www.ets.org/gre/>) for information about these examinations.

The candidate must apply for admission to the program via the Graduate School application for admission (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>). The applicant is required to submit:

- a completed online application form (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/>) with application fee
- official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/prospective-students/how-to-apply/new-applicants/requirements-for-graduate-admission/>)
- GMAT or GRE test scores (the test must have been taken within the past five years)
- two letters of recommendation
- resume

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.

Candidates may enter the program at the beginning of the fall or spring semester, or the summer session. To allow time for applications to be processed, all information, including the GMAT or GRE score, must be received by the admissions office no later than:

- Fall Semester - July 18
- Spring Semester - November 18
- Summer Session - April 18

Applicants from outside the United States must follow the early admission dates in order to allow the necessary clearances and paperwork to be processed in time. International application deadline dates are:

- Fall Semester--May 31
- Spring Semester--September 30
- Summer Session--February 28

To be considered for a graduate assistantship, applicants must submit a complete application by March 1. Students on graduate assistantships must adhere to the course load limits (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gsad/gsad-900/gsad-901-graduate-assistants/>) set by The Graduate School.