

The Graduate Catalog

The Graduate Catalog contains a complete listing of courses, admission requirements and other information of value to graduate students. Requests for copies should be directed to the College of Graduate Studies, Lamar University, Box 10078, Lamar University Station, Beaumont, Texas 77710.

Admission to Graduate Programs

may be demonstrated in sign language and/or speech.

4. **Admission Standards for Domestic Students (U.S. citizens and permanent residents):**

A. **Undergraduate Degree.** A prospective student must have a bachelor's degree from an institution approved by a recognized accrediting agency.

B. **GRE Scores and Grade Point Average (GPA).** All applicants for full admission, except for deaf students and those seeking admission to the MBA program, must meet the institutional GRE and GPA standard according to the formula $(\text{GPA} \times 200 + (\text{GRE V} + \text{Q})) \geq 1350$. The GPA used in the formula may be either the overall undergraduate GPA or the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work, whichever is higher. The grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by semester hours considered (either the total number of semester hours attempted or by the last sixty semester hours). For this computation, "A" equals 4 grade points, "B"

be accepted. Departments that wish to do so may establish more stringent requirements. MBA students with deficiencies will be required to complete first-year MBA courses as determined by the College of Business with a grade of “C” or better and an overall GPA of “B” or better in all course work taken.

5. **Admission Procedures and Standards for International Students.** International students are required to follow the procedures and meet the standards for domestic students as stated above. According to the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Requirements, an international student must meet all the University's admission requirements to be admitted to a degree-seeking program. Therefore, under no circumstances will provisional admission be granted to international students. Additional requirements for international students include the following:

- A. **Transcripts.** International students must submit official certified transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. If the transcripts are not in English, the student must provide certified translations. Lamar University evaluates each foreign transcript using a comprehensive library of materials associated with the evaluation of foreign credentials, and each is notated using the standard U.S. four-point scale. In the event that the graduate admissions office cannot determine an appropriate evaluation of foreign credentials, the applicant will be required to have a course-by-course evaluation done by an accredited outside agency at his or her own expense, and no further action will be taken with his or her application until the Official Evaluation Report is received in the Graduate Admissions Office.
- B. **TOEFL/IELTS scores.** The majority of international students whose first language is not English must take an English proficiency exam prior to their arrival on campus. They are required to have official test score reports sent to Lamar University from the appropriate testing agencies. In addition, these test scores may not be older than two (2) years old. Except for the Doctor of Engineering degree, which requires a TOEFL score of 530 or better, the TOEFL is not required of those international students who have received an undergraduate or graduate degree (bachelor or master) from a university where English is the language of instruction (e.g., universities in the United States, Canada and England). The minimum scores for English proficiency are as follows:

TEST	iBT	PBT/TWE	IELTS
Totals	61	525 (Master) 530 (Doctor) 550 (PhD)	5.0
Writing Component	20	5	5.5 (Master) 6.0 (PhD)

Writing Exam upon their arrival and prior to registration for the semester that they have been accepted.

- C. **Proof of Financial Resources.** International students must prove that they have enough financial resources to attend Lamar University. As part of the application process, international students must complete the Confirmation of Financial Resources form that asks for personal, family, and/or sponsor financial information and a bank verification of financial holdings. All international students are required to have health and accident insurance for themselves and all their dependent family members in the United States. Insurance may be purchased at the University during the registration period.
- D. **Proficiency in spoken English** may be required by some graduate programs.
- E. **Bridge Program.** Students whose English proficiency does not allow them to be accepted to the College of Graduate Studies may apply for admission to the Bridge Program. This program allows students to take three hours of academic studies while taking six hours of English instruction with LLI.

Prospective Doctor of Audiology (Aud.D.) students must send a letter to the Chair, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, and Doctor of Education in Deaf Education (Ed.D.) students must send a letter to the Chair, Department of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education, Box 10076, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX 77710. The letter from deaf education students should give information on the applicant's deaf education experience, training, employment history, current employment, and major research interests. Deaf applicants are encouraged, and experience as a teacher of the deaf is required. For details on GPA, GRE, TOEFL and background/experience requirements, see the College of Fine Arts and Communication section of the Graduate Catalog.

Students applying to the doctoral program in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) should be currently or previously involved in education-related careers and/or activities and have education leadership experience encompassing a large number of settings, including schools, colleges and universities, health and human services agencies, and community-based organizations. The Executive Council will consider the following admission factors, and strength in one area may be weighed favorably against shortcomings in another:

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