

Top 25 Questions

ASKED BY PROSPECTIVE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1 DOES THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA HAVE AN APPLICATION DEADLINE?

International applicant deadlines are:

Fall Semester - April 15 | Spring Semester - October 15 | Summer Semester - February 15

You will also want to check with the Graduate Coordinator of your department regarding program-specific deadlines (including assistantship funding), which can be due earlier in the admissions cycle.

2 WHAT IS THE COST OF THE APPLICATION?

International applicants pay \$100.00 to apply to the UGA Graduate School.

3 CAN I APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE GRADUATE PROGRAM?

Yes, to apply for a second graduate program, international applicants would pay an additional application fee of \$40.00.

4 WHERE DO I SEND THE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION MATERIALS?

The application process is done online through the Graduate School Admissions Website:

<http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/prospective-students/international-application-information/admission-requirement/>. The online application process includes unofficial copies of transcripts, resume, 3 letters of recommendation, and your statement of purpose. Official test scores must be submitted directly to our office by the testing agency. If offered admission, official transcripts should be sent electronically from your institution by a secure site to GradAdm@uga.edu or mailed to the Graduate Admissions Office:

University of Georgia Graduate School, Terrell Hall, 210 South Jackson Street, Athens, GA 30602

5 HOW CAN I CHECK MY APPLICATION STATUS?

After submitting your online application, you will receive an email from UGA's Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) with information on creating your MyID. You will need your MyID to access the Graduate Status portal to check your application status. You can access the portal at: <https://gradstatus.uga.edu/>.

6 HOW DO I CHANGE MY APPLICATION TO A DIFFERENT SEMESTER?

You are eligible for a one-time change of admissions term without filing a new application and paying a new application fee. You will need to email the Graduate Admissions Office at gradadm@uga.edu. You must make the change before the add/drop period of the semester you had originally applied for has ended.

7 DO I HAVE TO TAKE THE GRE?

All applicants applying to a graduate degree program, with the exception of a few programs, must request official test scores to be reported to UGA's Graduate Admissions Office. Some departments require the GMAT or MAT instead of the GRE. Please contact your department to see which test score they require.

8 **MUST I SUBMIT AN OFFICIAL TOEFL SCORE AND WHAT IS THE MINIMUM TEST SCORE?**

If your primary language is not English, you must submit an official TOEFL score that is not older than two years. Test scores must be submitted directly from the testing agency and must be received prior to the department making an admissions recommendation. We require overall minimum scores to be 80 with a minimum score of 20 each on the speaking and writing portion of the test. The department may require higher scores, so please contact the department you are applying to for more information on the minimum test score requirements.

9 **CAN I SUBMIT THE IELTS TEST SCORE IN PLACE OF THE TOEFL TEST SCORE?**

Yes, you may submit the IELTS test score instead of the TOEFL. Test scores cannot be over two years old. The minimum overall test score is a 6.5 with no subtotal score below 6.0.

10 **CAN I SUBMIT THE IELTS TEST SCORE ELECTRONICALLY OR PAPER-BASED DOCUMENTS ONLY?**

The IELTS test score must be submitted directly by the testing service agency and must be paper-based documents only.

11 **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING TRANSCRIPTS?**

You must submit unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended as part of the online application process. If you are unable to submit your transcript(s) by the online application, it can be emailed to gradadm@uga.edu. Please make sure the size of the attached file is less than 2MB. Official transcripts are not required during the review process and will only be required for applicants who are offered admission.

12 **WILL YOU ACCEPT A THREE-YEAR BACHELORS DEGREE FROM INDIA?**

To be eligible for admission into the Graduate School at UGA, an applicant who holds a three-year bachelor's degree from India must also obtain one year post graduate study from a recognized institution in India.

13 **MY SCHOOL WILL NOT HAVE THEIR DEGREE CEREMONY UNTIL AFTER REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES. CAN I SEND A COPY OF MY TRANSCRIPT FOR REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES NOW?**

No, the Graduate School and the department you are applying to must have the official transcript to be fully admitted to UGA. If your transcript has not been received by the first day of classes, please email our office at gradadm@uga.edu.

14 **CAN I HAVE MY TRANSCRIPTS SUBMITTED FROM AN EXTERNAL EVALUATION AGENCY?**

At this time, we only accept external transcripts from WES (<https://www.wes.org/>) and Josef Silney (<http://www.jsilny.com/>).

15 **WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC ACADEMIC CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MY COUNTRY?**

You may go to our website: <http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/prospective-students/international-application-information/international-supplement/country-specific/> to look for country-specific requirements. If you do not see your country, please email our office at gradadm@uga.edu.

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WHEN DO I SUBMIT MY FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS?

We do not need financial documents when we are making an application decision. Once you have been offered admission, our office will notify UGA's Office of International Education (<http://international.uga.edu/oie>). The Office of International Education will email you directly regarding your I-20 or DS-2019 form.

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WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY I-20/DS-2019 AND VISA DOCUMENTS?

Once you have completed the electronic form and submitted your financial documents to the Office of International Education, your I-20 or DS-2019 along with the official acceptance letter will be mailed to you.

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WHEN IS MY ADMISSION STATUS DECIDED, AND WHEN WILL I BE NOTIFIED?

Each department establishes its own timeline and procedure for making admissions recommendations. Once the department forwards their recommendation to the Graduate Admissions Office, a final review is made. The admission decision is made by the Office of Graduate Admissions and will be mailed to you.

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WHO IS THE BEST PERSON FOR ME TO CONTACT REGARDING MY GRADUATE STUDY INTERESTS?

The best person to speak with regarding a specific graduate program/degree offered at UGA is the Graduate Coordinator for the program. For a list of both programs and their respective Graduate Coordinators, please visit our Academic Programs section on our website: <http://grad.uga.edu/index.php/prospective-students/academics/>.

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WHAT IS THE GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA?

As of fall 2017, 7,158 graduate students are enrolled at UGA, 1,401 are international students (approximately 20%).

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WHAT IS THE AVERAGE COURSE LOAD FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS?

All international students must register for a full-time course load (9 credit hours of graduate-level course work). If you are on assistantship, you must register for 12 credit hours of graduate-level course work in the fall and spring semesters and 9 credit hours of graduate-level course work in the summer.

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ARE GRADUATE STUDENTS ON ASSISTANTSHIP PAID MONTHLY OR EVERY TWO WEEKS?

Graduate students on assistantship, regardless of citizenship status, are paid monthly.

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WHAT IS THE POPULATION OF ATHENS, GA?

The population of Athens, GA is approximately 116,000.

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IS FAMILY HOUSING AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS?

Family housing is offered to international students. The International Student Life Office (<https://isl.uga.edu/>) can give you advice on permanent housing options and tips on finding a roommate if needed.

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WHAT ARE THE MAJOR AIRPORTS BY ATHENS, GA?

Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (<http://www.atl.com/>) in Atlanta, GA and Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (<https://www.gspairport.com/>) in Greenville, SC are the closest international airports.