GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Also see USF Regulation USF3-018: Admission to the University of South Florida; [http://usfweb2.usf.edu/usfgc/ogc%20web/currentreg.htm](http://usfweb2.usf.edu/usfgc/ogc%20web/currentreg.htm)

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA REGULATION NUMBER: USF3.008**
**SUBJECT: ADMISSION TO GRADUATE SCHOOL**
Information regarding admission to graduate studies is provided in the University of South Florida Graduate Catalog, at [http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/catalog/main.asp](http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/catalog/main.asp), incorporated in Regulation USF 1.009.

**Statement of Principles**
In graduate admission decisions, multiple sources of information should be used to ensure fairness, promote diversity and balance the limitations of any single measure of knowledge, skills, or abilities. The sources may include: undergraduate grade point average, letters of recommendation, personal statements, samples of academic work, portfolios, auditions, professional experience related to proposed graduate study, as well as nationally known, standardized test scores. It is the responsibility of each graduate program to select admissions criteria that best predict success in their specific field and to determine the weight given to each measure.

None of the sources of information, particularly standardized test scores, should be used in isolation nor should such scores be used in combination or separately to establish minimum or “cut off” scores. Program specific guidelines for the use of standardized test scores should be developed based on the experience of a given department with its pool of applicants.¹

**Admission Requirements**
Each applicant to a graduate program at the University of South Florida is required to meet the following minimum requirements:

1. An applicant must have **one** of the following:
   
   a. A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and satisfying at least one of the following criteria:
      
      i. “B” average or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student working for a degree, **or**

¹ Adapted from the GRE “Guide to the Use of Scores” 2003-2003
ii. “B” or better average in all work attempted while registered as an upper division undergraduate student working for a baccalaureate degree.

b. A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and a previous graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

c. The equivalent bachelors and/or graduate degrees from a foreign institution.

2. Submission of a standardized test scores GRE/GMAT score is at the discretion of the graduate program required unless specifically waived by the University.

3. All specific and additional requirements of the graduate program to which admission is sought (including requirements to submit standardized test scores) consistent with the above Statement of Principles.

BOG Regulation 6.003
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6.003 Admission of Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Professional Students
(1) Each university board of trustees shall adopt regulations for the admission of graduate and post-baccalaureate professional students. Such regulations shall be consistent with the university mission and Board of Governors regulations.

(2) Institutions are expected to periodically review university regulations for admission of graduate and post-baccalaureate professional students to minimize unnecessary impediments to access, while maintaining academic quality and integrity.

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