

Admission Requirements

Federal regulations require Minot State University to post information for students and the public regarding our licensure programs. This information can be found on the State Authorization and Licensure (<https://www.minotstateu.edu/licensure/index.shtml>) website.

To pursue a graduate degree at Minot State University, you must complete the application packet and receive an official letter from the Graduate School granting admission. Transcripts and test scores must be official (sent directly from the institution/agency). There is a specific upload section in the application for the statement of purpose and resume.

A complete application packet includes the following items:

- **Admission Application:** To access the online application, please visit How to Apply website (https://www.minotstateu.edu/graduate/future_students/index.shtml). (Please allow at least 5 to 10 business days for processing. Depending on what semester you apply for and when, more time may be required.)
 - For re-admission, complete the Application for Readmission. (https://www.minotstateu.edu/graduate/current_students/index.shtml) This application must be received in the graduate school two (2) weeks prior to the start of a term.
- **Application Fee:** This is a non-refundable \$35 fee. You have the opportunity to pay by credit card online prior to submitting your application or send a check or money order payable to Minot State University. Applications are not processed until the fee is received.
- **Statement of Purpose (SOP):** (*not required for non-degree and certificate applicants*) A concise (minimum 500 words) essay describing your primary interest of study and objective in pursuing this degree at Minot State University. In particular, your essay should be as specific as possible in describing your interests, relevant education, research, commercial, government, or teaching experience. Also, check specific program requirements; the length and content may vary for each program. There is a specific upload section in the application for the SOP.
- **Resume** (*not required for non-degree or certificate applicants*)
 - There is a specific upload section in the application for the resume.
- **Recommendations via the MSU Recommendation Form** (*not required for non-degree or certificate applicants*).
 - A recommendation provider is an individual who will complete and submit the MSU Recommendation Form on your behalf.
 - Recommendations must be submitted on the MSU Recommendation Form. The form is sent and submitted electronically through our online application system. The application can be submitted prior to the recommendations being submitted.
- **Required Test Scores** (*not required for non-degree or certificate applicants*):
 - GRE/GMAT: The following programs require the GRE or GMAT:
 - Management (MSM): ONLY if the cumulative GPA is below a 2.75 and the semesters contributing to at least 60 semester hours is below a 3.00, GRE is then required, and you must finish in the upper 50th percentile.
 - School Psychology
 - English Proficiency- International students whose native language is not English must prove English proficiency by providing one of the following:
 - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): taken within two years; minimum score of 79 is required.
 - IELTS (International English Language Testing System): taken within two years; minimum overall band score of 6.0 is required.
 - Duolingo: Minimum score of 105
 - In *some instances*, international students who have earned a degree from an English-speaking university, where the primary mode of instruction is English, **in the past 10 years**, may also be considered for English proficiency waiver. Student must provide a letter of proof from the institution.
 - In lieu of previously defined satisfactory performance on the TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo, international students who have attended formal education for three or more years in the U.S. **may**, at the discretion of the program, **be considered** for admission into the Graduate School with the recommendation of the program director who has been able to assess the students' English proficiency through voice conversation.
- **Transcripts**: Transcripts** from ALL previous colleges or universities, both graduate and undergraduate, are required. An official transcript showing the earned bachelor's degree is required for admission consideration. Please direct the institution(s) to submit transcripts directly to the MSU Graduate School Admissions Office. Official transcripts are only accepted from the originating institution. If you previously attended a North Dakota University System (NDUS) institution, the Graduate School will automatically download your official transcript.
 - ****International (Non-Canadian) Students:** Submit a course-by-course academic credential evaluation in lieu of official transcripts. Details are found on the International Student/Non-immigrant Admission section of the catalog.
 - The Graduate School requires applicants to have earned, or be in the process of earning, a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited organization or nationally recognized agency and to have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 (scale of A = 4.00) to be eligible for admission. Applicants who do not meet the minimum cumulative GPA for admission may be admitted provided the GPA for the most recent semesters in which the student completed at least 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) is 3.00 or better. Calculation of the GPA must include all courses in the semester/quarters involved. Applicants without these requirements must appeal to the program director to be considered for admission. The program director and department chair must provide a written recommendation to the head of the Graduate School explaining the reason(s) for considering the applicant who does not meet the Graduate School minimum requirements. Departments may require more stringent grade point averages as part of the admission to their programs.

- **Student Health Records:** *(Not required for admission consideration; if admitted, required during the first semester.)*
 - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). Proof of immunization for measles, mumps, and rubella requires two doses of vaccine given no less than one month apart, or positive serologic tests.
 - Meningococcal disease. Students ages 21 and younger must provide documentation of immunity against meningococcal disease given at or after age 16.
 - Tuberculosis. All students must complete the tuberculosis questionnaire.

To submit the required documentation, please visit Student Health Immunization website (<https://www.minotstateu.edu/health/immunization.shtml/>).

No student will be permitted to enroll in a subsequent term until immunization or documentation of a waiver is complete.

- **International Students:** Please refer to the International Student/Non-immigrant Admission section of the catalog for information on the additional supporting documents needed for admission.

Minot State University Graduate School reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant on the basis of scholastic or other reasons.

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