

ADMISSIONS

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Undergraduate Admission Requirements and Criteria

All applications are completed and submitted online.

Applicants are reviewed individually.

Each category of undergraduate applicant—freshman, transfer, international, adult learners, post-baccalaureate and returning EWU students—have specific admission requirements. Review the information and definitions of each category carefully.

Accessing the Online Application

Access the online undergraduate admissions application (<http://www.ewu.edu/apply>).

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Application Deadlines

Term—Priority Deadlines—Final Deadline

- Fall—Feb. 15 quarter and semester—varies based on enrollment
- Winter—Oct. 15 quarter and semester—Dec. 1
- Spring—Feb. 15 quarter—Feb. 15
- Summer—Feb. 15 quarter—two weeks before the start of summer classes

Decisions on fall admission are made beginning in October, so early application is encouraged. Completed applications received after the priority dates are reviewed on a space-available basis. Applications received after August 15 for fall term or within two weeks of the start of all other terms will be deferred for consideration until the next quarter.

Note: Students who were academically dismissed from EWU must apply for reinstatement to good academic standing. Petitions for Academic Reinstatement are available from the General Undergraduate Academic Advising website (<http://access.ewu.edu/academic-advising>).

EWUs Right to Change Policies

Eastern Washington University reserves the right to change admissions policies and deadlines without notice.

Freshman Admission

A freshman applicant for the purposes of admission meets one of the following criteria:

- currently in high school;
- a high school graduate or equivalent without post-high school transferable college credit;
- a current high school student with Running Start credits.

All freshmen applicants must submit all of the following:

- a completed application for admission;
- self-reported CADR credits or official GED test scores;

- an official college transcript of any college courses completed while in high school;
- official SAT or ACT scores submitted directly from the testing agency or recorded on an official high school transcript;
- a non-refundable \$50 application fee;
- official, final high school transcripts.

Freshmen applicants are admissible if they have a cumulative high school grade point average ≥ 3.3 and have completed the following College Academic Distribution Requirements (CADR).

The minimum CADR credits required for admission to EWU are:

- English—4
- Mathematics—3 (includes Algebra I, II, & Geometry or equivalents)
- Social Science—3
- Sciences—2 (1 laboratory science and 1 algebra based science)
- World Languages—2 (in a single language including ASL)
- Quantitative Reasoning—1
- Fine Arts—1 (or additional year from above CADR areas)

Students are encouraged to complete more than the minimum CADR requirements. The Washington Student Achievement Council provides guidelines of acceptable high school courses that meet these requirements as reported by each high school. Check with a high school counselor or an admissions representative if you have additional questions.

Transfer Admission

A transfer student for the purposes of admission meets one of the following criteria:

- graduated from high school and is currently enrolled in a two-year or four-year institution with course work transferable to EWU;
- earned transferable college-level credit after high school graduation.

All transfer applicants are required to submit all of the following:

- a completed application for admission;
- official high school transcripts or official GED test scores (if transferring with less than 40 quarter credits);
- official transcripts from every two-year or four-year institution attended;
- official SAT or ACT scores (if transferring with less than 40 quarter credits);
- a non-refundable \$50 application fee.

At the time of application to EWU, transfer applicants are evaluated for admission in one of two ways:

- transfer applicants with less than 40 quarter hours of transferable college credit at the time of entry must:
 - satisfy the aforementioned freshmen admission criteria; and
 - have a cumulative GPA ≥ 2.0 in all transferable college-level courses.
- transfer applicants with 40 or more quarter hours of transferable college credit at the time of entry must:
 - show a minimum cumulative GPA > 2.5 in all transferable college-level course work; or
 - show a minimum cumulative GPA > 2.0 in all transferable college-level course work and completion of college-level English and intermediate algebra.

Note: Acceptance into many majors requires a GPA >2.0, prerequisite courses, service experiences and/or a separate application. Contact the appropriate department for details.

Post-Baccalaureate Admission

A post-baccalaureate student is defined for purposes of admission as any applicant with an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited institution who is seeking course work toward a second bachelor's degree, teacher certification or other course work that is not part of any EWU graduate program. All post-baccalaureate applicants must submit official university or college transcripts documenting their undergraduate degrees.

Note: Acceptance into many majors requires a GPA >2.0, prerequisite courses, service experiences and/or a separate application. Contact the appropriate department for details.

Former Student Admission

A former student is defined for purposes of admission as any applicant who was previously admitted and enrolled at EWU and has been absent from the university for more than four quarters.

Former students are required to submit:

- a completed application for admission;
- official transcripts from any two-year or four-year institutions attended since the last enrollment at EWU;
- a non-refundable \$50 application fee.

Adult Student Admission

An adult student for purposes of admission is defined as an applicant 25 years of age or older who meets neither the high school admission criteria nor the transfer admission criteria for students with fewer than 40 credits.

Adult applicants may be offered regular admission if they meet at least two of the following requirements:

- submit satisfactory scores on the SAT, ACT or other university-administered tests;
- submit a transcript showing the achievement of a high school GPA ≥ 2.5 or a passing score on the General Educational Diploma (GED);
- submit an essay demonstrating entry-level critical thinking and communication skills;
- present evidence of success outside the classroom and strong motivation to succeed at the university.

Exceptions To Admission Criteria

EWU can admit up to 15 percent of all incoming freshmen who have not met CADR or who have earned a GPA <3.3. Students who are admitted without completing the high school core courses may be required to complete specific courses for college preparation or to satisfy EWU graduation requirements. For example, a student deficient in high school foreign language may be required to complete foreign language at the 103 level at EWU. Some students may be admitted with the condition that they complete a core course during the quarter prior to entering EWU.

General Education Diploma

EWU will accept the General Education Diploma (GED) in lieu of high school graduation. Applicants who have completed the General Education Diploma must have achieved a minimum score of 50 with no score lower than 45 in any subject area.

Home School Students

Home school applicants must present evidence of the completion of the CADRs or their equivalents or a GED as proof of high school completion.

Student Athletes

Student athletes must meet the NCAA (<http://www.ncaa.org>) Clearinghouse requirements to be athletically eligible. For additional information, call 877.262.1492.

Applicants To EWU with Running Start Credits

Applicants with Running Start credits who are still in high school must meet all freshmen admission criteria as defined above and have a cumulative college GPA of ≥ 2.0 .

Applicants to EWU who have enrolled in another college or university after high school graduation must meet all transfer admission criteria. In general, college credits earned by students through Running Start in the state of Washington are treated as transfer credits, as they are recorded on the official transcript of the college where the work was completed.

International Student Admission

An international student is defined as a student who is in the U.S. or planning to enter the U.S. for academic purposes and holds F-1 or J-1 immigration status.

International applicants will find helpful information about admissions and other student support services at www.ewu.edu/international. The International Admissions Team will assist prospective students in determining the appropriate academic entry level based on their application materials and educational goals.

International students are required to submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities (both foreign and within the U.S.). Applicants whose foreign transcripts cannot be verified must submit documents to World Education Services or another evaluation service member of NACES for evaluation and verification. Applicants must submit evidence of financial support or scholarship prior to receiving a visa eligibility document (Form I-20) from Eastern Washington University.

Required Application Materials for International Students:

- a completed application for admission.
- a US \$50 application fee;
- original, official transcripts for all high school, college and university course work from both inside and outside of the U.S. An evaluated transcript with certified English translation is required for any transfer credits from a non-U.S. university or college;
- official financial statements (less than 6 months old);
- evidence of English proficiency as demonstrated via TOEFL, IELTS, a U.S. college composition course or an EWU ELI application;
- copies of current visas, passports, I-20s, or DS-2019 forms.

International students interested in transferring credits from a foreign country are required to submit an evaluated transcript from an accredited evaluation agency and provide individual course descriptions in English of all courses requested for transfer to EWU. For a list of accredited agencies go to www.naces.org.

An application for admission will be considered complete only when all of the required documents are received. Due to the time required to secure a student visa, students applying from outside the U.S. are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Submitting fraudulent documents will

result in automatic denial of application and/or dismissal from Eastern Washington University.

English Language Requirements for Admission

International students who have English as their second language and who have not completed a transferable English composition course (with a grade minimum ≥ 2.0) must submit one of the following official test scores:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 525 paper based, or 71 iBT;
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of at least 6.0.

Applicants who do not meet these English language admissions requirements may be admitted to the university with the condition that they successfully complete a program of study with EWU's English Language Institute (ELI). Students who wish to apply for conditional admission should submit an ELI application found at www.eli.ewu.edu in addition to the admission requirements stated above.

Running Start Admission

EWU is recognized as a Running Start institution by the Washington Department of Education. Eligible high school students may enroll in courses at EWU on a full- or part-time basis to meet high school requirements and earn college credit. Students must meet the minimum admission criteria, which may include SAT or ACT scores. Students interested in enrolling in Running Start through EWU should contact their high school guidance office or the Running Start Coordinator at Eastern Washington University at 509.359.6155.

Transfer Agreements

EWU participates in direct transfer agreements with community colleges in the state of Washington, Oregon, and select colleges in other states. Graduates of these colleges who complete a direct-transfer associate degree are admitted to EWU with junior standing and have satisfied the lower division general education core requirements.

Intercollegiate (ICAO Policy)

Students transferring to Eastern Washington University from a Washington public baccalaureate institution who have official documentation certifying completion of all the lower division general education requirements from the sending institution have satisfied EWU's general education core requirements and university competencies and proficiencies. These are described in the sections titled, Core Requirements and University Competencies and Proficiencies and are shown in the shaded portion of the diagram The Undergraduate Degree.

Transfer Credit and Evaluation of other Forms of College Credit

Transfer credit is generally awarded for courses completed at regionally accredited two-year or four-year institutions. When determining transferable credit, EWU adheres to the standards and practices of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Questions about the transferability of credits completed at institutions that are not regionally accredited should be directed to the Office of Admissions.

Credit Totals

Eastern Washington University will accept in transfer toward a bachelor's degree no more than 90 lower-division credits. After a student has been admitted to a university major, additional lower-division credit may be allowed when the additional credit will advance the student toward degree completion and the smallest unit responsible for the student's

degree approves a petition filed by the student to allow more than 90 lower-division credits.

No more than 135 credits (lower- or upper-division) may be accepted in transfer for a bachelor's degree. Transfer credit shall be accepted for upper-division credit only when earned at an accredited four-year, degree-granting institution as upper-division credit.

Advanced Placement

Credit for minimum scores on Advanced Placement examinations given by the College Board is awarded upon receipt of official score reports. Official scores should be submitted to the Office of Admissions. See Sources of Credit—AP for current score requirements and corresponding credits awarded.

College in the High School Credits

Applicants with credits earned through College in the High School programs must meet freshmen admission criteria. College in the High School courses will be accepted as transferable college credit if they are from a regionally accredited college or university and are consistent with EWU's general transfer credit policy

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Eastern Washington University will award credit for CLEP tests. Acceptability of credits toward major requirements or general education core requirements is determined by the appropriate department. See Sources of Credit—AP for current score requirements and corresponding credits awarded.

Experiential Credit

For information on evaluation of experience for credit, see Interdisciplinary Studies or visit 361 Senior Hall, EWU, Cheney, WA 99004-2442; phone 509.359.2402.

Foreign Educational Credentials

Students interested in information about credit awarded for selected foreign educational credentials should contact the Office of Admissions.

International Transfer Students

International students interested in transferring credits from a foreign country should submit an evaluated transcript from an evaluation agency and provide individual course descriptions in English of all courses student plans to transfer to EWU. For a list of accredited agencies go to www.naces.org.

International Baccalaureate

Eastern Washington University will award credit for Higher Level International Baccalaureate exam results of 5 or better. Acceptability of credits toward major requirements or General Education Core Requirements (GECRs) is determined by the appropriate department. See Sources of Credit—AP for current score requirements and corresponding credits awarded.

Military Credits

Students may earn up to 45 quarter hours of credit for military educational experiences. This includes credits awarded for CLEP/ DANTES tests. Note: Any student pursuing a bachelor of arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (Prior Learning Option) will not be awarded more than 90 quarter hours in credit from a combination of military experience and prior learning block credit. See Interdisciplinary Studies on page 20.

Veterans

College credit may be awarded for military service time. Veterans are encouraged to submit a photocopy or true copy of military separation, DD-214, or an equivalent document for credit evaluation.

State Authorization

EWU currently offers educational opportunities to students in multiple state jurisdictions through distance education. Due to a state authorization initiative throughout the nation, all universities offering educational activities, including but not limited to online learning, correspondence, internships, practicums and field placements, outside of their home state must be authorized by each state in which they offer courses. EWU is monitoring developments in state laws in every state. For the most up to date information on EWU's state authorization progress please check our webpage often. www.ewu.edu/academics/stateauthorization.

Graduate Program Admission

206 Showalter Hall
509.359.6297
email (gradprograms@ewu.edu)

The Graduate Programs (<http://www.ewu.edu/grad>) office coordinates admission for all of Eastern's graduate programs and provides a wide range of assistance to prospective and current students as well as to faculty and staff at the university. Admission to Graduate Programs requires—at minimum—completion of a baccalaureate degree. For more information about the academic and student services provided by the office, including admissions and policies, call or email the Graduate Programs office or visit the website (<http://www.ewu.edu/grad>).

Application Process

All programs except Interdisciplinary Studies have an online application available via EagleNET (<http://web.ewu.edu/eaglenet>). Admission requirements for individual programs vary and usually include supplemental materials beyond the general application to Graduate Programs. Any supplemental materials required by a program should be sent directly to that department. Use the summary guidelines and the departmental listing on the Web or in the catalog immediately following this section to identify specific requirements. To be considered for admission, applicants must submit all materials by the specific deadlines established by each program. Applicants to more than one program (this includes dual-degree programs) must submit a complete, separate application for each program.

Application Requirements and Categories

All Applicants

Apply online and submit the required application fee. Applicants must pay the fee for each graduate program application, except for dual-degree program applicants, who pay only one fee for both applications.

Standardized Test Scores, gre/gmat: Submit official score reports from the Graduate Record Examination General Test (GRE), if required by the department, or score reports from the Graduate Management Admission Test (gmat) for MBA applicants. Official scores must be sent directly by the Educational Testing Service to Eastern (school code 4301). Computer-based testing is available in many areas and is offered regularly throughout the year. Call **1.800.GRE.CALL** or refer to

GRE (<http://www.ets.org/gre>) or G (<http://www.gmat.org>)MAT for more information.

Transcripts: Submit one official copy of transcripts from all colleges and universities previously attended. Students who received undergraduate degrees from Eastern do not need to request that those transcripts be sent to the Graduate Programs office.

International Applicants

In addition to the online application for admission, international applicants are required to submit a course-by-course credential evaluation through World Education Services (WES) or another credential evaluation service recognized by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (<http://www.naces.org>) (NACES). The web application and forms (<http://www.wes.org>). Graduates of accredited U.S. universities are not required to submit a credential evaluation. One copy of official university transcripts or postsecondary academic records must also be sent directly to Graduate Programs, 206 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004-2444. International applicants who have already had a credential evaluation completed by wes or another credential service need to have an official copy of that evaluation sent to Eastern, along with a copy of their university transcripts.

Language Proficiency

All students from countries where English is not the native language must provide evidence of adequate proficiency in the English language before being admitted to graduate study. All applicants must meet all other admission requirements in addition to the English language proficiency requirement in order to be admitted. The language requirement may be satisfied by submitting an official score report showing any of the following scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), paper-based test (PBT) or Internet-based test (iBT); the Pearson Test of English, Academic (PTE-A); or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Test	Score
TOEFL PBT	580 or higher
TOEFL iBT	92 or higher
PTE-A	63 or higher
IELTS	7.0 or higher

Otherwise admissible applicants who submit an official score report showing any of the following English language test scores may be admitted conditionally, upon recommendation of the academic program. In such cases, registration for classes is conditional upon having a program of English language study approved by the director of the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) program. A student with conditional admission may be granted full admission upon presentation of a new official score report showing any of the test scores identified above as satisfying the English language proficiency requirement or upon recommendation of the director of the TESL program.

Test	Score
TOEFL PBT	550-579
TOEFL iBT	79-91
PTE-A	53-62
IELTS	6.5

Applicants who submit an official score report showing any of the following English language test scores may be admitted to the University

as post-baccalaureate students and may take up to 12 pre-admission credits to be counted toward a graduate degree after graduate admission and with program approval. These applicants may be granted full admission upon presentation of a new official score report showing any of the test scores identified in the first table above as satisfying the English language proficiency requirement or may be granted conditional admission for new scores in the conditional range in the second table above.

Test	Score
TOEFL PBT	525-549
TOEFL iBT	79-91
PTE-A	53-62
IELTS	6.0

Please note: international applicants who have earned an undergraduate degree from an accredited post-secondary institution in the U.S. are not required to submit an English language test score as part of their application.

Alternative to submitting test scores to meet the English language proficiency admission requirement: Otherwise admissible applicants may, with the written approval of the academic program, be admitted upon successful completion of a prescribed program of appropriate content course work and English Language Institute (ELI) course work. This course work will be agreed upon in advance by both the program and ELI. Successful completion is defined by the academic program for the content courses and by ELI in the advanced language level by achieving linguistic proficiency with a good rating on the ELI scale of fair/good/excellent. Up to 12 credits of content course work completed before admission may be applied to the appropriate graduate program after admission with the program's written approval.

Note: this policy is not to be construed as replacing evaluation by the director of the TESL program for applicants with an English language test score in the conditional range in the second table above, nor should it be construed as a policy on conditional admission to graduate studies.

Graduate Admission Requirements and Exceptions to Minimum Requirements

A baccalaureate degree from an appropriately accredited college or university is required for admission to a graduate program. Upon receipt of a complete application, eligibility for graduate admission is determined by evidence of scholarly ability as indicated by a minimum GPA ≥ 3.0 in the last 90 quarter or 60 semester-graded hours. Applicants with an earned graduate or professional degree from an appropriately accredited institution meet the minimum GPA admission requirements.

Admission to a graduate program is granted only after recommendation by the major department and the approval of the vice provost for Academic Planning, Graduate Programs, Grants and International Research.

Exceptions to GPA Requirements for Graduate Admission

Upon written recommendation by the program director, the vice provost for Academic Planning, Graduate Programs, Grants and Institutional Research may approve the admission of a limited number of students who do not meet the GPA minimum, based upon considerations which include GRE or other test scores, performance in relevant graduate courses, and faculty evaluations.

Professional Experience and Graduate Admissions

Applicants with at least 10 years of increasingly responsible professional experience in the field for which they are applying may be considered for regular admission to Graduate Programs. These applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university, follow the general application procedures outlined above and meet the following requirements:

- submit a transcript showing a GPA ≥ 3.0 for the last 90 quarter- or 60 semester -graded hours; **or**
- submit satisfactory scores on the GRE, GMAT or other approved test; overwrite an essay demonstrating critical thinking skills; **or**
- write a statement of intent demonstrating a level of knowledge and intellectual maturity appropriate to the proposed field of graduate study; **or**
- present evidence of professional success in a field relevant to the proposed area of study.

Applicants for admission under the professional experience provision must work closely with the program advisor or director to ensure that all required materials are received and reviewed. Any recommendation for admission under this provision must come from the academic department or program to the Graduate Programs office. Admission is granted only with the approval of the vice provost for Academic Planning, Graduate Programs, Grants and Institutional Research. Call the Graduate Programs office if there are further questions.

Grading System, Policies and Appeals

General information is provided in the policy section at the back of the catalog, including the full policy on grade appeals. Also see the information following Graduate Programs Academic Policies and Degree Requirements section.

Graduate Degree Requirements

Each academic program specifies the particular requirements for the degree in the program listings in the center of this catalog. Graduate degree specializations must be built upon adequate undergraduate preparation. The minimum credits required to complete a graduate degree at Eastern are as follows:

Degree	Credits
Master of Science	48
Master of Education	48
Master of Business Administration	48-50
Master of Arts	48
Master of Public Administration	60
Advanced Standing program	46
Master of Fine Arts	72
Master of Urban and Regional Planning	72
Master of Social Work	90
Advanced Standing program	51
Master of Occupational Therapy	131
Advanced Standing program	73
Educational Specialist	107
Doctor of Physical Therapy	161

Minimum Dual-Degree Requirements

Degree	Credits
MPA/MBA	82
MPA/MSW	118-122
MPA/MSW Advanced Standing	83
MSW/JD (with Gonzaga University) ¹	90
Advanced Standing MSW/JD (with Gonzaga University) ²	51

¹ 78 credits at EWU with 12 transfer credits from Gonzaga. Dual-degree students in this program must satisfy all Gonzaga University law school juris doctorate requirements.

² 39 credits at EWU with 12 transfer credits from Gonzaga. Dual-degree students in this program must satisfy all Gonzaga University law school juris doctorate requirements.

Complete requirements for all graduate students are established and approved by the Graduate Affairs Council. A copy of the current policy manual (<http://www.ewu.edu/about/administration/president/policies>).