

Admission Requirements

All regulations governing the Graduate School are designed to equal or exceed the minimum criteria recommended by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Alabama State Department of Education, the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs, and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. All regulations regarding admission, retention, and completion are minimum, and departments, schools, and colleges may prescribe more stringent requirements. Applicants are advised to check with the dean, department chair, or program adviser in the academic area, or Graduate Admissions Office for degree requirements specific to the degree sought.

Pre-Admission Procedures

Application Forms

Application forms for admission to the Graduate School are

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Submission of the completed application, application fee, official test scores, letter of recommendation, and official transcripts normally completes an application for admission. When the application for admission has been processed, the appropriate

students must clear the conditional admission requirement of a 3.0 grade point average at the completion of nine semester hours, or they will be dropped from the graduate program for one calendar year, after which they may petition the Dean of the Graduate School to re-enter. **Students from non-accredited or otherwise accredited universities or students seeking dual enrollment are not eligible for temporary admission. (See Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Student Admission requirements.)**

1. If the records are completed before the term ends and the results indicate that the student is not eligible for admission, the student must withdraw from the class or classes, with a refund if applicable, or receive non-degree credit for the class or classes for which he/she is registered. Applicable refunds will be made in accordance with regulations as stated in published refund policies.
2. When the records are completed and if it is determined that the student was not eligible for graduate admission, all hours pursued will be converted to non-degree credit with no refund of tuition. Students receiving financial aid are responsible for repayment.
3. When the records are completed and if it is determined that the student was not eligible for unconditional enrollment because of low grade point average or low exam score(s), students will be admitted under conditional status. See Conditional Admission requirements.
4. If the student has completed the term for which temporary admission was granted and the records are still not in order, the hours pursued will be held in abeyance until the records are clear

• Unaccredited or Otherwise Accredited Baccalaureate or Masters Degree Holders—Student Admission Requirements (United States and Foreign Universities)

Students must submit an official transcript(s) with degree(s) posted at least one semester/term prior to the desired date of registration. The appropriate academic college and the Graduate Council will evaluate all submitted transcripts using commonly accepted practices and guidelines. The applicant will be required to submit a copy of the college's catalog and other information as

Persons requesting U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) form I-20 in order to obtain an F-1 visa or DS-2019 to obtain a J-1 visa who require additional information should contact the Center for International Programs, Troy, Alabama,

Dual Enrollment

Lacking Prerequisites

Students holding a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, who are applying for graduate admission, will have transcripts reviewed by their adviser to determine if specific degree program prerequisites are met prior to admission to a graduate program.

Students needing to meet prerequisite requirements will be considered "Post-Baccalaureate" students until such time as prerequisites are fully completed and the cumulative grade point average for the prerequisite courses is a 2.5. "Post-

Transfer Credit From a Regionally Accredited Universities

No credit may be transferred to a Troy University graduate program until a student is unconditionally admitted and has completed a minimum of nine semester hours with the university. The maximum number of graduate credit hours transferred into a graduate program will not exceed 12 semester hours. Please consult specific degree programs to determine allowable transfer credit hours.

1. A grade of "B" or higher must have been earned in each course. Transfer credit will not be used to determine the Troy University grade point average. A copy of the

Correspondence Credit

Credit earned through correspondence will not be acceptable for graduate work. A correspondence course is defined as a complete pre-packaged course designed to be delivered through sequential steps at the student's own pace without instructor or student interaction.

Professional Military Education Credit (PME)

Troy University awards transfer credit for specific Professional Military Education (PME) courses completed at select military service schools for which credit is recommended by the American Council on Education and approved by the dean of the appropriate College. The maximum number of credit hours transferred into a graduate program, to include PME credit, will not exceed 12 semester hours. Please consult your adviser for individual program acceptance. No credit may be granted for work that will be over eight years old at the time of graduation from the Troy University program for which transfer credit was requested. No waivers will be permitted.

Transient Credit

Under no circumstances may a student be enrolled in another institution while enrolled at Troy University without prior transient authorization. Students who have been granted unconditional admission to the Graduate School, and who are in good standing, may petition to take pre-approved graduate level courses at another regionally accredited graduate school. Transient credit does not count toward Troy University residence credit or one's Troy University grade point average (GPA). See specific program restrictions for transient credit. The maximum number of credit hours transferred into a graduate program, to include transient credit, will not exceed 12 semester hours.

Pre-approval to enroll in such courses must be obtained from the appropriate dean of the degree-granting college prior to enrollment in the course. A grade of "B" or higher must be earned in each transient course. Military senior service school credits, if appropriate for the degree, may be accepted as transient credit upon approval. The combined total of transfer and transient credits may not exceed 12 semester hours.

Semester Hour Load Limits

The minimum number of semester hours required for graduate programs varies. Additional course work may be required for a student with academic deficiencies and/or a limited background and experience. Additional degree requirements will be determined by the student's adviser or advisory committee with the concurrence of the dean of the appropriate academic discipline. This process may result in additional semester hours in excess of the minimum number of published degree requirements.

Definitions:

A "semester" is defined for hour load limit purposes as 16 weeks of class meetings.

A "term" is defined for hour load limit purposes as up to a nine week period of class meetings.

Warning: Students who register for course work in excess of the approved load without prior approval and violate the University's policy regarding course load will be required to drop the overload or lose the excess credit.

Temporary Admission Status

Students with a temporary admission status are limited to a maximum of nine semester hours per semester or six semester hours per term. The definition of a "full-time" graduate student for admission status purposes is a student taking eight or nine semester hours per semester or six semester hours per term. A part-time student is defined as a graduate student taking less than a "full-time" load.

Conditional Admission Status

Students admitted conditionally may take a maximum of nine semester hours per semester or six semester hours per term until the "conditions for admission" are removed.

Unconditional Admission Status

The maximum load for unconditionally admitted graduate students is nine semester hours per semester, or six semester hours per term, or **a combination thereof not to exceed nine semester hours over a sixteen-week period.** With the written approval of

Attendance Policy

Grade Appeals

Faculty members have the authority to grade student work and to assign grades; these are academic judgments. A faculty member's syllabus enumerates student academic performance expectations and consequences. Faculty members render academic judgments when a student's academic performance violates established standards or fails to meet stated expectations. Academic judgments made by faculty are based on academic content, course requirements, and student performance. Students may not appeal grades based on allegations concerning the competence of a faculty member, the fairness of examinations, the difficulty of a course, or other matters of a purely academic nature. Grades for individual assignments and exams may not be appealed. While it is recognized that faculty hold the right and responsibility to grant a grade, a student who receives a course grade that he or she believes to be unwarranted for reasons other than those listed above may appeal that grade using these stated procedures.

Step 1. Within the first four weeks of the start of the following term or semester in which the grade is received, the student shall have informally appealed the grade to the instructor. If that instructor is not teaching at Troy University during the term following issuance of the grade, the student will make contact with the instructor through the department chair to informally appeal the grade. In the case of a course taught through Global Campus or eCampus, students should contact their home campus to determine the person designated by the appropriate college dean to assist the students with their appeals.

Step 2. If the issue is not resolved at this informal level and the student wishes to pursue the appeal, the student shall request in writing a meeting with the respective department chair. This request shall be addressed to the department chair and shall be received no later than the end of the fifth week of instruction for the term or semester following issuance of the grade. The request must summarize the student's complaint and the student's informal appeal to the instructor. In the case of a course taught through Global Campus or eCampus, students should contact their home campus to determine the person designated by the appropriate college dean to assist the students with their appeals.

Step 3. Within two weeks of receipt of the request, the department chair shall discuss the appeal with the student and with the instructor, separately or at the same time. *If the department chair upholds the decision, the matter is closed. The decision is final.*

Step 4. If the department chair does not support the decision of the instructor, the matter shall be appealed within two weeks of the department chair's decision to the designated associate dean or dean of the college. The department chair will forward the appeal package to the designated associate dean or dean. The designated associate dean or dean will empanel three full-time faculty colleagues from the department and/or discipline to review the matter. *The decision of this panel shall be final and binding on all parties.*

Note

3. The departmental committee will review the case and make a recommendation for approval or disapproval to the dean of the discipline.
4. The dean of the discipline has the authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the department. If the dean of the discipline accepts a favorable recommendation from the departmental committee, he or she must forward it along with his/her endorsement to the Dean

usually taken during the last semester/term prior to graduation.

The passing of the comprehensive exams is not to be considered a waiver of any other requirement for any program. Students who have unsuccessfully attempted the comprehensive exam may not change their program of study.

Should students fail the comprehensive exam, they must successfully retake the exam within one year of the date originally taken.

Thesis or Field Project

A thesis or field project is frequently the culmination of graduate education at Troy University. A thesis or field project requires a commitment of one or more years. While faculty assist in the direction of the thesis or field project, the graduate student is responsible for the development, research, writing, and completion of the thesis or field project. Graduate students should consult with their program director and faculty adviser about thesis or field project availability and suitability.

The Troy University Thesis Guidelines located at <http://www.troy.edu/graduateschool/documents/thesisguidelines.pdf> provides students with essential requirements concerning the thesis preparation, completion, and submission. Individual departments, schools, and colleges may impose additional requirements or may specify requirements in greater detail. The graduate student has a responsibility to learn what, if any, special departmental/school/college requirements may apply. The thesis should be prepared in accordance with the instructions of the Troy University Thesis Guidelines and department, school or college special requirements.

Intent to Graduate Procedure

Candidates for a graduate degree must indicate their intentions to complete the requirements for graduation by filing an "Intent to Graduate" form at the beginning of the term/semester prior to the term/semester of graduation with the Graduate Records Office. Since this form is used to check completion of requirements, order diplomas, and enter students in the commencement program, it must be filed in accordance with the published deadlines. A graduation fee must be paid at the time of filing.

Attendance at commencement is not required for degree conferral; however, all candidates are urged to attend.

Graduation Ceremony

Students will attend the graduation ceremony immediately following their program completion. Students will attend graduation at their "home" location. "Home" location is defined as the

For more information, please contact the eCampus Center by phone at 1-334-670-5876 or 1-800-265-9811, or consult the website at <http://www.troy.edu/ecampus/onlinegraduateprograms/>.

Global Campus

Tuition and fees vary according to campus site and are subject to change without notice.

Clearance of Obligations

All financial or other obligations to the University must be cleared prior to the end of each semester or term. An outstanding balance for a prior semester or term must be paid before the student will be allowed to register for subsequent semesters or terms. Transcripts will not be issued if financial obligations have not been satisfied. Failure to meet financial obligations to the University could subject the student to additional late payment charges, as well as collection costs.

Refund Policy

Each registered Troy University student will receive a Trojan OneCard. The Trojan OneCard will be mailed to the student using the address on file with the University. To receive any refunds from the University, a student must activate his or her Trojan OneCard. During card activation, the student will choose how to receive his or her refund money. Options available include having the refund

Directly deposited to the student's Trojan OneCard OneAccount (1 day or less)

The OneAccount from Higher One is a fully functioning, FDIC insured, free checking account that allows a student to access his or her refund quickly and easily. The OneAccount has no minimum balance, no monthly fees, and free Internet banking features. With the OneAccount, a student may use his or her Trojan OneCard to make purchases anywhere Debit MasterCard is accepted. The student will receive an e-mail when a refund has been directly deposited to the OneAccount. The student may view detailed activity of the OneAccount by accessing the OneAccount Statement online at www.TrojanOneCard.com.

Deposited to another bank account of the student's choice (2-3 business days)

If a student chooses to have his or her refund deposited to another bank account of choice, the transfer may take two to three business days from the day the University releases the funds. In order to have a refund deposited to his or her bank, a student must first activate his or her Trojan OneCard at www.TrojanOneCard.com. For this option, the student will need to complete, print and mail the third party form to the designated address. The third party form is available on www.TrojanOneCard.com.

Regardless of how students choose to receive their funds, they need to activate their Trojan OneCards. Students are required to activate their Trojan OneCards and make refund selections online at www.TrojanOneCard.com.

Financial Aid

Graduate students at Troy University may receive limited financial aid. Transient students are not eligible for financial aid through Troy University.

Students may apply for a Subsidized Federal Family Educa-

Scholarships

Students seeking scholarship information should visit the Graduate School Financial Assistance webpage for scholarship availability or <http://admissions.troy.edu/graduateschool/fiancialaid.htm>.

Global Campus

Global Campus is responsible for the delivery of off-campus, out-of-state educational programs. Global Campus is comprised of geographic regions with over 60 branches and teaching sites located in 12 countries and 16 states and eCampus. The branches and sites are in metropolitan areas on or near military installations, and serve military and civilian students around the world.

Global Campus academic programs and course offerings are the responsibility of the deans of the academic colleges, academic department, and appropriate Global Campus personnel. Troy University faculty and administrative oversight functions include, but are not limited to, academic oversight and control, new site approval, monitoring institutional effectiveness, faculty selection, certification, evaluation and graduate faculty status determination. The administration of Global Campus is the responsibility of the Vice Chancellor, Global Campus.

All student services functions are monitored from the Troy campus. Student service reviews include, yet are not limited to, admission activities, maintaining the official academic records, providing transcripts, and issuing degrees for all students enrolled in the component units of Global Campus sites.

All of the degree programs offered at Global Campus sites or branch campuses are approved programs in the Graduate Catalog; however, not all degree programs are offered at every location.

Nature of Off-campus Programs

Global Campus is designed to meet the needs of civilian working adults, international students overseas, military and government agency civilians, and other adults seeking degrees. Courses and degrees are delivered at a time and in formats to fit the needs of adult learners who have full-time employment, work shifts, and are prone to short notice moves. Adult learners generally have education needs different from those catered to by traditional colleges and universities.

fulfill their educational and research goals. Students should contact their local Troy University office for additional library information.

The Library's networked system consists of the online public access catalog and numerous online bibliographic databases, many with full text journals. The Library's homepage is constantly developing to provide more sophisticated and user friendly access to resources in the library and around the world.

The Library faculty and staff are continually developing quality collections, facilities, and services to assist students and faculty in their educational journeys. The Library faculty and staff provide professional and technical assistance and instruct users in the best methods of utilizing the Library's resources. Through this instruction and assistance, students learn information literacy skills that will support lifelong learning and continuing education.

Housing—Troy Campus Only

Housing accommodations are available on-campus for students in residence halls at Troy University. Inquiries and applications should be submitted to the Director of University Housing.

University Apartments, located at the end of North Franklin Drive, consists of 48 air-conditioned one- and two-bedroom units operated by the University for married students. Since the demand for these units is considerable, interested couples should contact the Housing Office well in advance for reservation.

The University Housing office endeavors to assist persons seeking apartments, rooms, or other off-campus housing in finding suitable accommodations. Students desiring assistance in securing off-campus accommodations should contact the Housing Office.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE

12. Lewd, indecent, obscene behavior or expression.
13. Trespassing or unauthorized entry to or use of University facilities.
14. Unauthorized use or attempted use of any services belonging to or provided by the university, including but not limited to computer, telephone, cable television, copying facilities, or any other such service.
15. Unauthorized possession of a key to any University facility.
16. Interference with the use of or access to University facilities, obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, service, disciplinary procedures, or other activities on university property by either University or non-University persons or groups.
17. Failure to comply promptly with directions of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties as such officials and officers.
18. Entering false fire alarms or bomb threats, tampering with fire extinguishers, alarms, or other safety or fire-fighting equipment.
19. Any activity which creates a mentally abusive, oppressive, or harmful situation for another is a violation. Use of the mail, telephone, computer and electronic messages, or any other means of communication to insult, threaten, or demean another is prohibited.
20. Conviction of any misdemeanor or felony which adversely affects the educational environment of the University.
21. Violation of any University policies or regulations as published or referred to in the Student Handbook, including, but not limited to, those governing the time, place and manner of public expression; the registration of student organizations; the use of university facilities; occupation and visitation of residence halls and other housing owned or controlled by the University; and the use of and parking of motor vehicles on the campus.

22. Conduct in violation of public law, federal and state statutes, local ordinances, or University regulations or policies whether or not specified in detail, which adversely affects the student's suitability as a member of the academic community and regardless of whether such conduct has resulted in a conviction under a statute of ordinance.
23. Any other activity or conduct not specifically stated herein which impairs or endangers any person, property, or the educational environment of the University.

Disability Services: Policies and Procedures

Please consult the _____, the University's official Student Handbook, online at <http://www.troy.edu/studentservices/oracle/index.html> for the most current and complete policies and procedures related to disability services.

Student Records Policy

Please consult the _____, the University's official Student Handbook, online at <http://www.troy.edu/studentservices/oracle/index.html>, for the most current and complete policy related to student records.

Harassment Policy

Please consult the _____, the University's official Student Handbook, online at <http://www.troy.edu/studentservices/oracle/index.html>, for the most current and complete policy related to harassment.