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In general, all persons who hold a bachelor's or advanced degree from a regionally accredited school may register in graduate-level courses for graduate credit. Proof of a bachelor's or higher degree is required.

Students may be admitted to a graduate degree program either in good standing or on probation. The admission status (e.g., "good standing" vs. "probation") of all applicants from baccalaureate-granting institutions that don't employ traditional grading systems will be left to the judgment and recommendation of the graduate program to which the student is applying. Certain other special categories are established for persons not attempting to complete a degree at this institution. These special categories are "noncandidate for degree" and "guest transfer of credit."

For admission purposes, three-year bachelor degrees awarded by international postsecondary institutions are not considered equivalent to four-year bachelor degrees awarded in the United States. However, effective fall 2007, individuals who have earned bachelor degrees created in accordance with the European Higher Education Area (i.e., Bologna Process), or earned bachelor degrees from institutions engaged in a formal agreement with UW-W, will be considered admission eligible providing their academic performance in completing that degree is emblematic of future success in a graduate program (i.e., eligible to be admitted in "good standing").

Admission in Good Standing. Requirements for admission to a degree program in good standing are as follows:

1. A baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. At least a 3.00* overall grade point average in all the graduate work previously completed at UW-Whitewater, with no grades of I or P pending.
3. One of the following:
 1. At least a 2.75 overall grade point average in the undergraduate degree program.
 2. At least a 2.90 grade point average in the last half of the undergraduate degree program.
 3. A master's degree or higher from an institution regionally accredited at the corresponding graduate level.
 4. At least 12 credits of graduate work completed on a regular grade basis at UW-Whitewater.
4. Any additional requirements set by individual departments or colleges for admission to specific degree programs.

*All grade point averages are on a 4.00 basis.

Deficiencies in Background for Graduate Study. If a department finds that a student lacks the proper academic background for graduate studies, it may specify that deficiencies be made up before the student completes a degree. In some cases, deficiencies may have to be made up by registering in undergraduate courses that do not count toward completion of a master's degree.

Admission on Probation. A student who does not meet the requirements for admission in good standing may be admitted to a degree program on probation after furnishing credible evidence of ability to do satisfactory graduate work

Such credibility is determined by the admitting academic department or individual program coordinator, and could be a creditable postgraduate employment record; a satisfactory score on the Graduate Record Examination, GMAT or Miller Analogies Test; or the successful completion of graduate work at a regionally accredited institution.

Students admitted on probation must meet the criteria above for good standing status within the first 12 units attempted, including repeated courses. Those failing to do so will be ineligible to take further graduate work in that degree program.