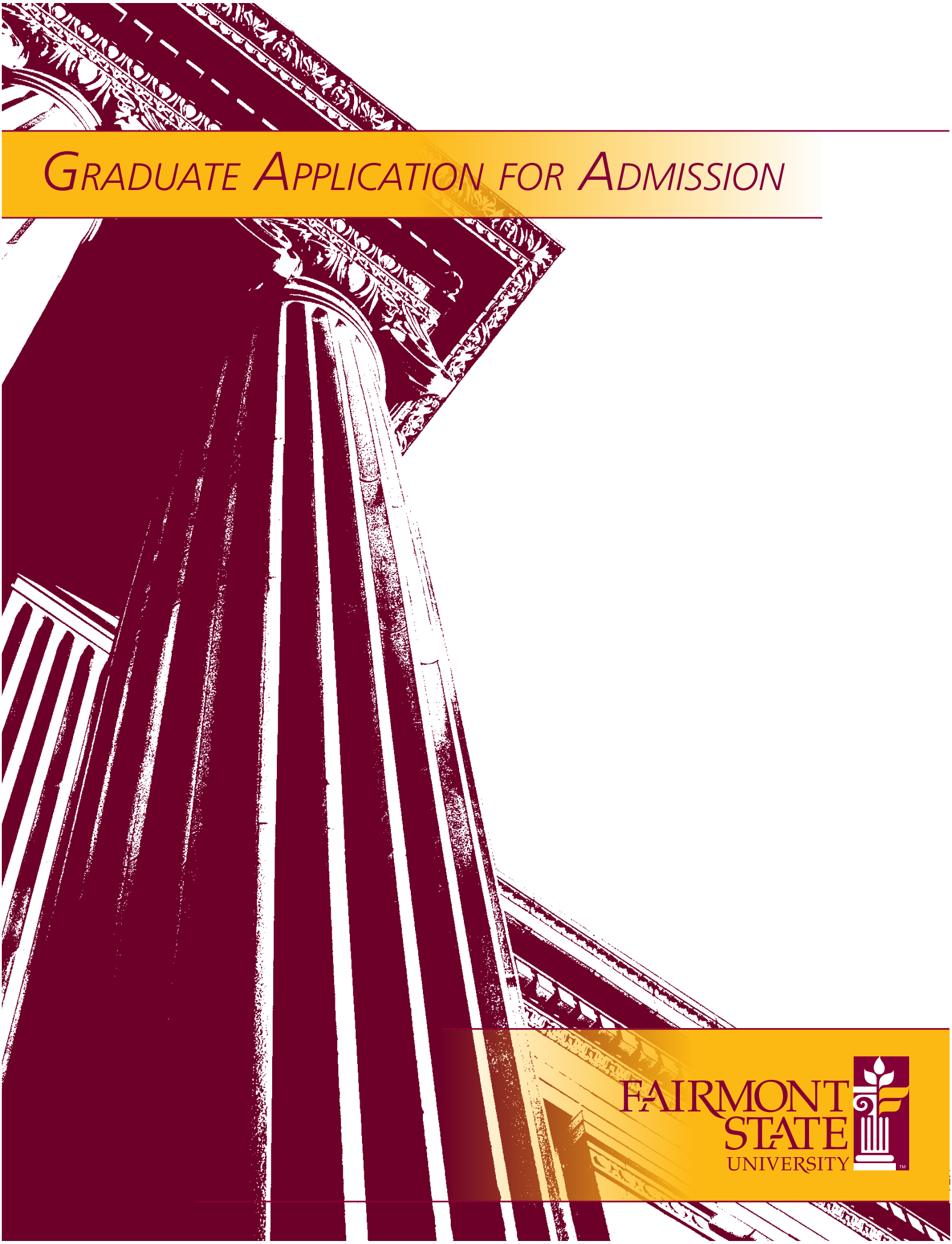
Graduate Application for Admission



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Office of Graduate Studies

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The requirements for admission to Graduate Programs at Fairmont State University are listed in the Fairmont State University Graduate Bulletin and on the Fairmont State web page. You should not apply for admission to graduate study at the University unless you meet these requirements.

General Application Procedures

Please follow the steps listed below in completing this application form:

1. A completed application (including a graduate entrance exam*) is required of all students seeking to pursue graduate study, regardless of whether or not the student intends to complete a graduate degree at FSU.

2. A nonrefundable application fee of $40, made payable to Fairmont State University must accompany the application.

3. Students are eligible to register for courses once they have been admitted. Applications are considered complete when this form, the application fee, and all supporting materials are on file with the Office of Enrollment Services. Please feel free to contact the Office of Enrollment Services in order to make sure that your application is complete.

4. The Office of Graduate Studies will notify students of their admission status once a decision has been made on a complete application package.

*Graduate entrance exam is not required for Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

Deadlines

Admission to graduate study at Fairmont State University is competitive. Applications are considered according to the following schedule.

Summer Term (May Admission) Timeline:

- Application package should be submitted by Feb 1 for full consideration and possible early admission
- March 15 - admission decisions are made and applicants notified
- May 1 - FINAL application deadline; applications received after this date will only be considered on a course space available basis

Fall Term (August Admission) Timeline:

- Application package should be submitted by May 1 for full consideration and possible early admission
- June 15 - admission decisions are made and applicants notified
- August 1 - FINAL application deadline; applications received after this date will only be considered on a course space available basis

Spring Term (January Admission) Timeline:

- Application package should be submitted by Oct 1 for full consideration and possible early admission
- November 15 - admission decisions are made and applicants notified
- January 1 FINAL application deadline; applications received after this date will only be considered on a course space available basis

Please contact the appropriate Program Director--specific deadline information may vary according to program of study.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to graduate study at Fairmont State University must have earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education with a minimum college grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or 3.00 on the student's last 60 semester hours of baccalaureate degree courses. Official transcripts must be sent directly from the college or university that issued the baccalaureate degree, and any other schools attended, to the Fairmont State University Office of Enrollment Services.

In addition, students must submit their scores on a graduate entrance examination* as part of their complete application. Scores more than five years old are not accepted. Test scores alone may not determine admission to Graduate Studies. Letters of recommendation, statements of purpose, and personal interviews may also be used to assess a student's preparedness for and probability of success in graduate school. If any of these are required, the applicant will be contacted by the appropriate Program Director.

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Certain graduate programs may also have additional requirements. Applicants should contact the specific Graduate Program Director directly for more information.

Readmission

A returning graduate student who has not taken a graduate class at FSU for two or more consecutive academic years (summers included), must submit a new application and non refundable $40 fee, and be readmitted by the Program Director. The application must show any intervening graduate work. Official transcripts of such intervening graduate work are required. The applicable standards are those in effect when the student applies for readmission. Graduate course work more than seven years old may not be counted toward a graduate degree.

Transfer of Graduate Credit

With the approval of the appropriate Graduate Program Director and Dean of Graduate Students, a student may transfer up to twelve graduate credit hours toward a completed degree at Fairmont State University. To request a transfer of credit, complete the Transfer of Credit Form and attach it to the application.

Residency Requirement

Candidates for a Master's Degree, in general, complete thirty-six (36) credit hours of Fairmont State University graduate courses within the Degree Plan. The last eighteen (18) hours of graduate credit must be earned at Fairmont State University.

Directory information may be released on admitted or enrolled students as provided under the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act unless the student requests in writing that this information be withheld. Requests to withhold information should be sent to the Office of Enrollment Services at Fairmont State University with this application form.

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Please read the instructions and guidelines before completing and submitting this application. Please type or print. You must submit a nonrefundable $40 application fee before your application can be processed. Please enclose a check or money order made payable to Fairmont State University with this application form.

Personal Information

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle

List any former last name(s) you have used for work or school: _____

2. Social Security Number: _____

3. When do you plan to begin classes? Year _____ Term: (Select One) ❍ Fall - August ❍ Spring - January ❍ Summer, May-June

4. Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box

_____
City County State/Province ZIP/Postal Code Country

5. Are you a West Virginia resident? (Proof of residency may be required) ❍ Yes ❍ No

6. Have you resided in West Virginia (other than as a college student) for the entire past 12 months? ❍ Yes ❍ No

7. How long have you resided in West Virginia? _____
Years / Months

8. Telephone: Home: ( ) _____ Cell: ( ) _____ Other: ( ) _____

9. E-mail: _____

10. Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ **11.** Gender: ❍ Male (1) ❍ Female (2)

12. What is your ethnicity? ❍ Hispanic or Latino ❍ Not Hispanic or Latino

13. Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please select one or more of the following races that best describe you:

❍ American Indian or Alaska Native ❍ Asian ❍ Black or African American ❍ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ❍ White

*Required for federal reports by Civil Rights Act of 1964. Not used for admission decision.

14. Are you a United States citizen? ❍ Yes ❍ No **15.** Are you a veteran? ❍ Yes ❍ No

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16. Type of visa _____ Are you in status? ❍ Yes ❍ No Are you currently in the U.S.? ❍ Yes ❍ No

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Have you taken TOEFL? ❍ Yes ❍ No If so, when? _____

Admission Information

Student Type:

____ First Time Applicant
____ Readmit
____ Transfer
____ Non Degree

_____
(Semester and year of last enrollment)

Admission Tests:

____ Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
____ PLT Exam
Other _____

Date taken or will take _____

Intended Degree Program:

____ Criminal Justice
____ Master of Arts in Teaching
____ Master of Business Administration
____ Master of Architecture
____ Master of Education
- ____ Multi-Categorical Special Education
- ____ Reading Specialist Certificate
- ____ Digital Media, New Literacies and Learning
- ____ Exercise Science, Fitness and Wellness
- ____ Online Learning Certificate (non-teaching professional certificate)
- ____ Professional Studies

Academic Information

Education: Beginning with the most recent enrollment, list in chronological order ALL institutions of higher education attended, including Fairmont State University. Include part-time, non-degree, and summer studies. Applicants educated outside of the United States must indicate all secondary and post-secondary institutions. *Please have each institution forward an official transcript to the Fairmont State University Office of Enrollment Services at the address below.* **Notes:** *(1) You do not need to obtain a Fairmont State transcript, one will be obtained in house. (2) If you wish to have courses considered for transfer credit, you must include a transfer of credit form with your application. (form available online)*

Name of Institution:_____ Location: *(City, State or Country)* _____

Dates Attended (mo/yr) _____ Major Program of Study_____

Degree _____ Date Received/Expected _____ GPA _____

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Professional Information

List your recent work experience:

Employer: _____ Position: _____ Dates: _____

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Certification

I have read and understand the application instructions, and I certify that all statements in this application are complete and accurate. I hereby give Fairmont State University permission to use this information for statistical and reporting purposes. I understand that I shall not be considered for admission to Fairmont State University graduate studies until I have submitted all credentials specified. I further understand that any willful misrepresentation of information given in this application may be grounds for denial of admission and/or dismissal from graduate study at Fairmont State University.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail your completed application with the $40.00 application fee to the address below.
Transcripts, test scores, and any other admissions material should be mailed to the same address.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES
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