

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Preparing & Applying

Office of Graduate Admissions
Kennesaw State University
Lynsey Nejman and Casey Hampton

Why go to Grad School?



Undergraduate vs. Graduate School

General Ed Courses

Large Classes

Reports

A's, B's, C's, D's

Learn what is already known

Program Specific Courses

Small cohorts

Research

All A's & B's

Create NEW knowledge

Types of Graduate Degrees

Traditional masters	Academic doctoral	Executive Programs	Professional
MS, MA	PhD, EdD	EMBA	MD, DDS, JD,
Research-based	Research-based	Applied Curriculum	Practice-based
2 to 3 years	4 to 7 years	1 to 3 years	3 to 5 years
Research with thesis or capstone	Major research project with dissertation	Business plan, Research project or capstone	Clinical practitioner training

Start Preparing NOW

- Have I taken the right undergraduate courses?
 - Find out what courses are expected
- Are my grades good enough?
 - Most graduate programs require a 3.0 GPA

Paying for Graduate School

Where's all the **FREE** money?

- What financial help can I get?
 - Tuition waivers
 - Graduate Assistanceships
 - Employer Benefits
 - Fellowships
 - LOANS



Defer student loan payments

The Graduate School Application

- Application
- Academic Transcripts
 - Transcripts of all undergraduate work
- Admissions test scores
 - GRE, MCAT, LSAT, DAT, GMAT,
- Letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Writing Sample
- Admissions interview

Graduate School Exams

<u>GRE</u>	<u>GMAT</u>	<u>MCAT</u>	<u>LSAT</u>	<u>DAT</u>
Graduate Record Examinations	Graduate Management Admission Test	Medical College Admission Test	Law School Admission Test	Dental Admission Test
\$195	\$250	\$275	\$170	\$385
Verbal & Quantitative Reasoning: 130–170,	800	15 pts	180	30 pts
Analytical Writing: 0–6				

Letters of Recommendation

- Who should write them?
 - People who know your academic qualifications
 - Professors, Employer, Mentors, Classmates
- What do you need to give to the writers to help them write the letter you need?
 - A copy of your transcript
 - A resume
 - Make certain the writer knows your career goals

What is a Personal Statement?

Letter of Intent

Statement of Purpose

Autobiographical Statement

Personal Narrative

- Highlights personal, educational, and career goals
- Shows the admissions committee that you have an idea about what you want to study and why you believe it is important
- Demonstrate that you are familiar with the program and reasons for applying
- Assure the committee that you will be successful in the program

Writing Sample

Academic Paper

News Articles

Policy Briefs

Blog Post or Web Content

- Measure your ability to write professionally
- Relevant to program
- 2-5 pages (Highlight a section of longer papers)
- Spelling & Grammar!

Admissions Interview

- Project professionalism
- Be prepared to explain your goals
- Show knowledge the program
- Have a list of questions
- Bring a copy of your resume to leave

After you've been accepted

- Enrollment Fee
- Transfer Credits
- Orientation

QUESTIONS

