GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CATEGORIES - DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

The following six admissions categories are used for degree-seeking graduate students at UMKC:

1. Regular Master's Degree Seeking - (Full Admit) Degree-seeking graduate students admitted to a master's degree program without reservation.

2. Conditional Master's Degree Seeking - (Provisional Graduate). Degree-seeking graduate students admitted to a master's-level degree program who have not yet fulfilled all admissions requirements specified by the academic unit responsible for the degree program.

3. Regular Educational-Specialist Degree Seeking - (Full Admit). Degree-seeking graduate students admitted to an Educational-Specialist degree program in the School of Education without reservation.

4. Conditional Educational-Specialist Degree Seeking - (Provisional Graduate). Degree-seeking graduate students admitted to an Educational-Specialist degree program who have not yet fulfilled all admissions requirements specified by the School of Education.

5. Regular Doctoral Degree Seeking - (Full Admit). Degree-seeking graduate students admitted to a doctoral degree program (Ph.D. or D.M.A.) without reservation.

6. Conditional Doctoral Degree Seeking - (Provisional Graduate). Degree-seeking graduate students admitted to a Ph.D. or D.M.A. program who have not yet fulfilled all admission requirements specified by the academic unit responsible for the degree program.

Full admission of provisional graduate students to a degree program and appropriate reclassification are subject to students’ removal of deficiencies and approval of satisfactory performance.

Admission to graduate study and to a particular degree program is no guarantee that students will be advanced to candidacy or granted a higher degree. All candidates are expected to perform at a consistently high level and to satisfy all the requirements for the degree. The final determination, as to whether or not students will be recommended for a graduate degree, is made by the graduate faculty in the fields concerned. The graduate faculty reserves the right to deal with exceptional cases on individual merit.

Degree-seeking graduate students who plan to change their field of study must reapply for admission and be regularly admitted to the desired graduate program in the new department or school.

Students admitted to any of the graduate classifications will be enrolled automatically for graduate credit in courses numbered 300 to 499 unless they indicate on their enrollment forms that they do not want graduate credit for the course or the instructor specifies the course may only be taken for undergraduate credit. Courses numbered 299 and below may not be taken for graduate credit, are not calculated in a student's graduate grade-point average and cannot be included as credit courses on a graduate student's program of study.