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Graduate School

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WHY GRAD SCHOOL AT WSU?

Premier research and community engagement experience

• Among the nation’s top public universities for research expenditures, with more than $218 million spent annually.

• Awarded the Carnegie Foundation’s top classifications in research and community engagement.
WHY GRAD SCHOOL AT WSU?

Training and Professional Development opportunities

• Graduate and Postdoctoral Professional Development (GPPD) Seminars: [http://wayne.edu/gradschool/professional-development/](http://wayne.edu/gradschool/professional-development/)

• Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST): [http://wayne.edu/gradschool/best/](http://wayne.edu/gradschool/best/)

Schools and Colleges at WSU

- Mike Ilitch School of Business
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Fine, Performing & Communication Arts
- Graduate School
- Irvin D. Reid Honors College
- School of Library and Information Science
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Law School
- School of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- School of Social Work
Graduate Student Perspective

• Safe learning environment with rich research and academic resources for students.
• Diverse student body that enriches learning and enhances relationships.
• Detroit is an exciting city.
• Historic landmarks, museums, arts, sports, and entertainment venues.
Graduate School Admissions Requirements

• Bachelor’s degree
• Minimum undergraduate GPA
• Official test scores
• Official transcripts
• Additional materials and application deadlines vary by program
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Admissions Requirements

Bachelor’s Degree

• You must have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or a comparable degree from an officially recognized institution outside the United States to apply for graduate admission.

Minimum GPA

• Master’s applicant
  – Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or its equivalent in upper division coursework.

• Doctoral applicant
  – Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or its equivalent in upper division coursework.
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Admissions Requirements

Official transcript(s)
A complete academic record includes credentials that indicate all courses of study completed and degrees or certificates earned at the collegiate level.

• International applicants
  – Unofficial transcripts may be submitted for the Office of Graduate Admissions to make a preliminary decision on your application. In this case, temporary admission may be granted pending receipt of your official evaluation from WES.
Graduate School Admissions Requirements

Standardized Test Scores

• Some graduate programs may require you to submit standardized test scores (e.g., Graduate Record Examination [GRE]; Graduate Management Admission Test [GMAT]). Consult your program of interest.

• **International applicants**
  – TOEFL: 79 internet-based (IBTT) OR 550 paper-based (PBT)
  – MELAB 85
  – IELTS 6.5 (overall band)

*Some academic programs may have GPA and/or English proficiency standards higher than the university’s minimum requirements. Academic programs may also require supplementary admission materials before an application is considered complete. Contact your program of interest for specific requirements.*
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• Go to gradapply.wayne.edu to complete the online application
# Applying to Graduate School at WSU

## Academic Program

Select a Major

- Select Graduate Program
- Select Major

## Name

- Legal First Name *
- Legal Middle Name (Leave blank if not applicable)
- Legal Last Name *

Previous Last Name (leave blank if not applicable)

If you have ever applied to or attended classes at Wayne State University under a last name that differs from the legal last name entered above, your application and record will continue to list your previous last name. Change your previous last name to your current legal last name on your student records by submitting the Name Change form to the Office of the Registrar.

- Nickname (leave blank if not applicable)

## Personal Information

- Email *
- Gender *

Birth Date *

- SSN (No dashes: Ex: 123456789)

Providing your social security number will greatly decrease the processing time of your Wayne State University application.

- Ethnicity/Race (optional)
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Previous College(s)

In the text box below, please start typing the name of the college or university where you have completed, or are currently completing, your bachelor’s degree. After your bachelor’s degree information has been entered, please add each ADDITIONAL academic institution attended by using the same text box.

Unable to find your school? Please enter school in manually.

Clery Act

In compliance with the Clery Act, Wayne State University has published its Annual Security And Fire Safety Report.

This document is posted on the Wayne State University Police Department website, www.police.wayne.edu, on the Dean of Students Office website, www.doso.wayne.edu, and on the Office of the General Counsel website, www.generalcounsel.wayne.edu. It can be downloaded from any of these three sites. Please take a few moments to read it carefully. It provides an overview of Wayne State’s public safety resources, policies and procedures. This report also provides information on how you can prevent crime and increase your safety and security on campus, so please take a few moments to read it carefully.

Title IX

WSU complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any phase of a university’s educational programs.

Do you have all your facts straight?

I have completed this section of the application accurately and I have used my full legal name. I understand that I will NOT have the opportunity to return to this section and change the information on it after I click the ‘Submit and Continue Application’ button at the bottom of this section. By clicking, I am indicating my agreement with the following statement: I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information on this application for admission may make me ineligible for admission to and enrollment at Wayne State University.
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• Your Application Status page

Graduate Admission Application Status

This is a busy time for Graduate Admissions and there may be a delay in uploading your documents after they have been received. This page is updated in real time, so you will always have access to the latest activity on your application. You will be notified via email when new items are added. Contacting our office to check on documents is not necessary.

We have generated the following temporary user name and password so you can check on the status of your application:

Temporary User Name: ttest277
Temporary Password: 450995

We also have e-mailed you this information for your reference. You may login with this temporary information until you receive an official Wayne State ID (called an AccessID) and password. If you have previously received an AccessID, you may need to re-set your password. If you do, contact our Computing & Information Technology Help Desk at (313) 577-4778 for assistance.
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- Keep track of additional items needed to complete your application

**Steps to Completing Your Graduate Application**

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**Additional items you will need to provide Wayne State...**

- **Optional** Additional Documents
  - You may submit additional documents in a single-file upload to assist in the admissions decision-making process.
  - Click here to upload

- **Degreed-Posted Transcript**
  - Domestic Applicants: Already earned your bachelor's degree? Please request an official degree-posted transcript to be sent directly to WSU from the issuing institution.
  - Electronic transcripts will be accepted if they are sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions - gradadmissions@wayne.edu.

  - International Applicants: Please have a course-by-course evaluation of your bachelor’s degree transcripts completed by World Education Services (WES) and sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions - gradadmissions@wayne.edu.

- **Unofficial Transcript**
  - (Optional) MICHIGAN STATE UNIV
  - Not received.
  - Click here to upload
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• Here is where you will see information on the admissions decision for your application as well as next steps once you are admitted.

Looking forward: After you have been accepted...

- Admission Decision
- Activate your WSU e-mail account / Login to Academica
- Register for Classes at WSU

Admissions decision has not been made.

About your WSU AccessID
- Schedule of Classes
- Registration Calendar
The Personal Statement

• What’s the purpose of this document?
  – Highlight your knowledge and skills
  – Display your promise for persistence and success in graduate studies
  – Provide evidence to counter any perceived weaknesses in your portfolio (e.g., lower than expected test scores, gaps in your studies)
Tips for the Personal Statement

• Briefly introduce yourself and why you are motivated to pursue this area of study.

• Summarize your research and scholarly pursuits, highlighting skills or experiences.

• Contextualize your accomplishments:
  – Identify when you have seized opportunities and/or overcome challenges.
  – Explain experiences that give you a unique perspective to contribute to the discipline.

• Explain why you want to study at WSU.
Letters of Recommendation

• Choose these letters carefully.
• If you are applying to a research program, be sure to include researchers among your letter writers.
• Be sure the letter writer knows you and your interests.
• Be courteous to your letter writers and give them enough time to write a good letter.
Funding

• Master’s Scholarships
  – The following pay up to 4 credits of the in-state Graduate School tuition rate:
    • Recruitment Scholarship (departments nominate)
    • Retention Scholarship (students apply directly)
    • Completion Scholarship (students apply directly)
    • AGRADE Scholarship (students apply directly)

• Doctoral and Master’s
  – Graduate Professional Scholarship: 10 credits each in Fall and Winter at the in-state Graduate School rate (students apply directly).
Funding

• **Doctoral Fellowships**
  – Munich Fellowship *(students apply directly)*
  – Rumble Fellowship *(students apply to program)*
  – Dean’s Diversity Fellowship *(nominated by program)*
  – King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowship *(students apply directly to the Graduate School)*
  – Summer Dissertation Fellowship *(students apply directly)*
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Funding page: http://wayne.edu/gradschool/funding/
Questions?

Please use the chat feature in WebEx to submit your questions to “Israel Sexton, Host”.

Thank you!