

# GRADUATE NONDEGREE STATUS

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Graduate nondegree status allows students who have not been formally admitted to a graduate degree program to receive graduate credit for courses.

Up to nine semester nondegree graduate credits (or the credits earned during a single semester, whichever is greater) may be applied toward a subsequent graduate degree program, with the approval of the student's program chair and the graduate dean. Acceptance as a graduate nondegree student does not imply future admission to a degree program.

Graduate nondegree students may take U/G courses for either graduate or undergraduate credit, as defined by the university catalog. Graduate credits will be assigned automatically unless a request for undergraduate credit is submitted to the Graduate School by the fifth week of the semester. Undergraduate credits taken as a graduate nondegree student cannot be applied to a subsequent graduate degree.

Applicants admitted as graduate nondegree students are NOT ELIGIBLE for federal financial aid. Graduate nondegree students are assessed the graduate level tuition and fees at the master's level rate for all credits taken.

Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree (or higher degree) from a regionally accredited college or university prior to enrollment in the graduate nondegree status.

Applicants seeking graduate nondegree status must apply online at the UM Graduate School website (<http://www.umt.edu/grad>) and pay a \$60 non-refundable application fee. Deadline for submitting a graduate nondegree application is prior to the fifteenth day of classes each semester.

## Graduate Nondegree Readmission

Students who previously attended The University of Montana in a graduate nondegree status and have not been enrolled for 24 months or more may use the graduate nondegree readmission form to reapply for the same status.

Graduate nondegree readmission forms can be downloaded from the Forms section of the Graduate School homepage: <http://www.umt.edu/grad/Apply/Graduate%20Nondegree%20Admission.php> graduate nondegree students applying for readmission pay a \$20 non-refundable application fee.

## Graduate Degree

Graduate degree admission is for candidates seeking to complete a Master's, Specialist, or Doctoral program at UM. Program information and deadlines are listed at: <http://www.umt.edu/grad/Programs/>. Each academic department conducts the initial evaluation of completed application packets and submits the packets, with recommendations for admission or denial, to the Graduate School for final decisions.

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