

# APPLICATION, ADMISSION, AND REGISTRATION POLICIES

## Application and Admission Procedures

The application (and all required documentation) is to be submitted directly to the Faculty of Graduate Studies via the online application system. **Applicants should contact the department/unit to which they are applying for the procedures and requirements which are specific to the program of application.** Contact information for each department/unit can be found on the Graduate programs of study website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>).

### Process

1. A completed official application for admission form must be submitted, together with the application fee and supporting documentation, to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, via the online application system. Applicants are **required** to submit the application and documentation to the Faculty of Graduate Studies in time to meet the application deadline in place for a particular department/unit. Deadlines vary depending on the program to which the applicant is applying and whether the applicant is domestic or international. Deadlines can be found by clicking the appropriate application program page on the Graduate programs of study website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>).
2. Applications are subsequently reviewed by the unit offering the program which will decide whether the applicant meets the unit's criteria including, but not limited to, availability of advisors, space, and facilities. The unit Head will submit their recommended decisions (i.e., acceptance or rejection) to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The unit should not notify applicants of their recommendations.
3. Applications recommended for admission are checked to determine if they meet the Faculty of Graduate Studies' eligibility requirements. The Faculty of Graduate Studies then notifies applicants of their acceptance or rejection.

### Deadlines for Recommended Applications (from Departments/Units to the Faculty of Graduate Studies)

The following are the deadlines for receipt by the Faculty of Graduate Studies of recommendations from departments/units.

Term	Start Date	Canadian/US	International
Fall	September	July 1	March 1
Winter	January	November 1	July 1
Summer	May	March 1	November 1

**IMPORTANT:** These are not unit-specific application deadlines.

Prospective applicants must consult the appropriate application program page on the Graduate programs of study website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>) to determine the unit deadline. Units who would like one application deadline for all applicants should align their dates with the international deadline.

### Application Fee

A \$100.00 (CAD) Domestic applicants / \$130.00 (CAD) International applicants non-refundable fee must accompany each application for admission. The Physician Assistant Studies and Orthodontics and

Dentofacial Orthopedics programs charge an additional fee of \$25 and \$50, respectively.

### Transcripts

Unofficial copies of transcripts and final degree certificates are acceptable for initial assessment and provisional admission purposes for all attended degree programs. Upon admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, applicants must arrange for official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended to be sent to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, within one (1) month of the date on the admission letter. Applicants will be placed on hold, which prevents registration until all admission requirements have been submitted. **All transcripts must arrive in sealed, university-stamped envelopes sent directly from the issuing institution(s) and be accompanied by official and literal English translations** (please refer to Transcripts: International below). For international degrees or where the transcripts do or will not clearly state that a degree has been conferred, a copy of the official degree certificate is also required. Applicants who are unable to provide the required official documentation should contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies Admissions Office to identify possible accommodations to address the need for documentation within their specific circumstances.

### Transcripts: International

Where academic records from a country other than Canada are produced in a language other than English, the applicant must arrange for the submission of official literal English translations of all records. To be official, original language documents and English translations must arrive together in envelopes which have been sealed and endorsed by the issuing institution. For international degrees, a copy of the official degree certificate is also required.

### Transcripts: University of Manitoba

University of Manitoba students are not required to submit University of Manitoba transcripts.

### Proficiency in English

The Faculty of Graduate Studies requires a passing, acceptable English Language Test score in order to offer admission. A successfully completed English Language Proficiency Test from the approved list is required of all applicants unless they have received a secondary school diploma and/or university degree from Canada or one of the countries listed on the English Language Proficiency Test Exemption List (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/graduate-student-admissions/requirements/#countries-exempt-from-english-language-requirements>). In all cases, test scores older than two (2) years (from the time of completing the test) are invalid.

Thresholds required for successful completion are indicated in parentheses.

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet based - iBT® (86; minimum score of 20 in each of reading, writing, listening and speaking categories). The "best score" will not be considered for admission. Only individual test scores will be used to meet the minimum requirements.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS™) (6.5 in the Academic Module)
- Cambridge Assessment of English (at the C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency level)
- Intensive Academic English Program (IAEP) (Pass Level 5/AEPUCE with a minimum of 65% overall)

- PTE Academic (61% overall)
- Duolingo (120; minimum score of 100 in each of reading, writing, listening and speaking categories)

**Note:** Some units may require a specific test or test scores greater than those indicated above. Students should check department/unit supplementary regulations for details.

## English Language Proficiency Test Exemption List

Applicants holding secondary school diplomas and/or recognized university degrees from countries on the Faculty of Graduate Studies English Language exemption list are not required to submit an English Language Proficiency score. For more information please see our website (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/graduate-student-admissions/requirements/#countries-exempt-from-english-language-requirements>).

## Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation are to be completed via the online application system. Recommendation letters submitted via post or email are not accepted. Applicants are required to add their Recommendation Provider(s)' contact information so that each recommender is sent an automated email notification.

Generally, two (2) Letters of Recommendation must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The number of required recommendation letters for an application for admission is stated on the program's Graduate Program of Study (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/graduate/>) webpage. Departments/Units may have different requirements on the number of and content required in recommendation letters.

## Admission Tests

Some departments/units require admissions tests, such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE®) or the Graduate Management Aptitude Test (GMAT™). These requirements are listed in the department/unit's supplementary regulations. If required, the scores must be submitted at the time of application.

## Entrance Requirements

The minimum standard for acceptance into any category in the Faculty of Graduate Studies is a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) (or equivalent) out of 4.5 in the last two (2) years of full-time university study or last 60 credit hours. (GPA equivalency information is available on the Graduate Studies website (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/graduate-student-admissions/requirements/#how-to-calculate-canadian-and-us-gpas>).)

**Note:** This is the minimum requirement of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and departments/units may have higher standards and additional criteria.

## Eligibility of University of Manitoba Staff Members

A member of the academic staff at The University of Manitoba with faculty rank (Assistant Professor or above, or Instructor I or above) is not eligible to apply for admission to or continue in a graduate program in the department/unit in which the appointment is held.

## Generative Artificial Intelligence

The use of Generative Artificial Intelligence is prohibited for submissions that are part of an application to UM unless the department/unit application procedures allow it. Units should ensure academic integrity,

privacy, data security, copyright and intellectual property concerns are considered.

# Registration Procedures

## Undergraduate Student Registration in Graduate-Level Courses

Undergraduate students may be permitted to register in 7000-level courses or above on recommendation of the department/unit offering the graduate course, subject to the conditions listed below.

- Undergraduate students must obtain permission from the Department/Unit Head and course instructor before registering for a graduate course.
- Only undergraduate students completing an undergraduate degree or post-baccalaureate diploma at the University of Manitoba are eligible to enroll in a graduate course (i.e., undergraduate students from other institutions and those completing courses without registration in a degree program are ineligible for registration in graduate courses).
- Undergraduate students are not eligible for enrollment in any graduate course that is cross-listed with an undergraduate course, or that is scheduled to be taught at the same time and location as an undergraduate class.
- Undergraduate students will only be eligible to receive graduate-level credit for a course designated as 7000-level or above if at least 75% of the students registered in the course are graduate students at the outset of the term.
- Undergraduate students who complete a graduate course are not guaranteed admission to a graduate program.

## Initial Program Registration

On admission to a graduate program at the University of Manitoba, students may submit a formal request to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to apply any previously completed graduate courses toward their graduate program requirements, subject to the restrictions listed below.

- No more than 50% of the coursework required in a graduate program may be imported.
- Only courses in which a C+ grade or higher, or the minimum grade required by the program to which the course would be applied, are eligible to be considered towards meeting the requirements of any graduate program.
- Any graduate course completed by an undergraduate student may subsequently be applied to a graduate program only if it has not been used toward completion of any other degree program.
- Any graduate course completed by an undergraduate student for which a passing grade has been obtained (i.e., C+ or higher) may not be repeated should the student later gain admission to a graduate program.
- Courses completed more than seven (7) years prior to the date of awarding a degree may not usually be used for credit towards the degree (please refer to Lapse or Expiration of Credit of Courses (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/masters-degrees-general-regulations/#Lapse-Credit-Courses>)).

**All graduate students must initially register in the term indicated in their letter of acceptance as specified in the Academic Schedule of the Graduate Calendar.** Any student not registering by the registration deadline for the term specified in their letter of offer will be required to re-apply for admission; admission is not guaranteed if a student re-applies to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In exceptional circumstances and

with prior approval from the department/unit, students may request to defer registration for up to one (1) year following acceptance into the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**A student's program of study must be approved by the Head of the major department/unit or designate.** Approval to take courses from departments/units outside the major department/unit must be obtained from the outside department/unit.

A student may apply for admission/registration to two (2) concurrent University of Manitoba degree/diploma programs. However, the approval or denial of admission and registration to two (2) concurrent degree/diploma programs rests with the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in consultation with the department(s)/unit(s) concerned. The request for registration to two (2) concurrent degree/diploma programs at the University of Manitoba must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies on the "Concurrent Curriculum Permission" form prior to the student's initial registration in the secondary program. If one of the concurrent degree/diploma programs is outside The University of Manitoba, the student must contact their home department/unit.

Where a student does register in two (2) concurrent degree/diploma programs, it is important to note that dual registration may affect funding eligibility, for the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF) and may limit other funding possibilities.

## Re-Registration

All students must re-register in all Fall, Winter and Summer terms of their program until a student is eligible to graduate, unless they are granted an official leave of absence that does not require registration (see Leaves of Absence (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/leaves-absence/>)). Failure to re-register while in good academic standing will result in the student being discontinued from their graduate program and the notation 'Discontinued Graduate Program' placed on their academic record. Failure to re-register while not in good academic standing\* will result in the student being withdrawn and the notation 'Required to Withdraw' placed on their academic record. A student who has been discontinued and would like to be considered for continuation in a program must apply for re-admission via an online admission process. Applications received by the registration revision deadline will be processed for the upcoming term. Re-admission is not guaranteed.

\*Good academic standing includes, but is not limited to, the regulations contained in sections Academic Performance and Performance Related to Coursework without exceeding the time permitted to complete a program.

The re-registration requirement does not apply to occasional students, visiting students, Pre-Master's students or students on an Exceptional or Parental Leave of Absence (please refer to "Leave of Absence (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/leaves-absence/>)").

## Registration Revisions

Revisions to registration must be approved by the Department/Unit Head or designate and may be made during the designated periods as published in the Academic Schedule (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-schedule/>) of the Graduate Academic Calendar.

**Note:** Graduate students are not permitted to withdraw from courses without written permission from their Department/Unit Head or designate

on recommendation from their advisor/co-advisor (and/or advisory committee). The notation "Required to Withdraw" may be placed on the academic record of any graduate student who has withdrawn from courses without such approval.

## Advisor Student Guidelines (ASG)

All students in thesis/practicum programs, together with their advisor/co-advisor, are required to discuss and complete the Advisor-Student Guidelines (ASG) electronically as soon as possible after initial registration, prior to the commencement of any research, and no later than at the time of submission of the first Progress Report. This discussion should be conducted in real time (i.e., all parties should be part of the discussion). Only one form submission is required (i.e., it does not need to be submitted by each party); it may be submitted by either the advisor, co-advisor, or student. All parties (student, advisor, and co-advisor (if applicable)) are required to review and approve the agreement within 28 days of its submission. If the agreement is rejected by at least one individual, or if all approvals are not received within the 28-day deadline, the ASG will not be considered complete on the student's record. **Failure to submit a completed ASG before the end of June of the student's first year of study will result in a hold placed on their student account that will prevent further registration.** For additional information on the ASG submission process and complete instructions for submitting approvals, consult the Graduate Studies Hub (<https://umanitoba.sharepoint.com/sites/fgshub/>).

If the parties cannot agree on one or more component(s) of the ASG, the matter should be referred to the Department/Unit Head, Graduate Chair, or the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. If a student does not have an advisor/co-advisor at the time of their first Progress Report, they must complete the ASG with an interim advisor. In departments/units where the choice of thesis/practicum topic and thesis/practicum advisor are postponed after a student's entry into the program, the Department/Unit Head, within one (1) term, shall appoint a faculty member to advise the student in the interim period before the regular advisor is assigned or chosen.

A new ASG is to be completed if there is a change in advisor/co-advisor, a co-advisor is added, removed or changed mid-way through the student's program, or if a student changes programs. In programs that require students to have an advisor, students must have an advisor for the entire duration of their program.

Should the relationship between the student and advisor/co-advisor significantly deteriorate during the student's program, the matter should be referred sequentially to the Department/Unit Graduate Chair, the Department/Unit Head, the Faculty of Graduate Studies Associate Dean working with the department/unit, and finally the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students can also seek support from other offices including Student Advocacy and the Student Counselling Center.

It is the responsibility of the department/unit offering the program in which the student is studying to arrange an alternate advisor/co-advisor if this is appropriate and necessary. Departments/Units who have difficulty finding an alternate advisor need to consult with the Faculty of Graduate Studies Associate Dean working with the department/unit for support to pursue all reasonable options given the theoretical and research expertise required of an advisor in relation to the thesis/practicum. If an advisor cannot be secured within one term, the student cannot remain in their program.

## Western Deans' Agreement

This agreement was established in 1974 as an expression of co-operation and mutual support among universities offering graduate programs in western Canada. Its primary purpose is the reciprocal enrichment of graduate programs throughout western Canada. This agreement is not intended to preclude other agreements between participating institutions. A list of the participating Universities can be found on the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies website (<http://wcdgs.ca/>). University of Manitoba graduate students interested in participating can learn more about how to apply on the Faculty of Graduate Studies' (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/#western-deans-agreement>) website.

The Western Deans' Agreement usually provides an automatic tuition fee waiver for visiting students. Graduate students paying normal required tuition fees to their home institution will not pay tuition fees to the host institution.

Only degree-level courses from recognized post-secondary institutions will be considered; courses that are part of certificate or diploma programs will not be approved.

Program fees are always to be paid to the home institution, regardless of coursework taken at another institution. Students may be required to pay student, activity, application, or other ancillary fees to the host institution, according to general policies in effect at the host institution. Wherever possible, these fees will also be waived.

Students will qualify for the fee waiver if they:

- Are in good standing in a graduate program at the home institution;
- Have paid all current and back fees at the home institution;
- Complete the Western Deans' Agreement authorization form (<https://www.wcdgs.ca/application-process/>) and submit it to their home institution by the appropriate deadline. This is a fillable form. Please complete it on a computer before printing the form. Hand-written forms can be illegible and illegible forms will result in delays in enrollment processing.

Students must meet all requirements as prescribed by the host university's regulations, deadlines, class capacities, and course prerequisites.

Registration is possible in courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and in credit courses offered through distance education or other means. To be eligible, courses must be an integral part of the applicant's graduate degree program. Fee waiver is not permitted for audit or non-credit courses.

Students are subject to regulations of the home institution governing credit for the courses to be undertaken. Students are required to provide a copy of the course syllabus with the WDA form. As a condition of registration at the host institution, students will arrange for official transcripts from the host institution to be sent to the home institution confirming successful completion of courses selected by the deadline on the Faculty of Graduate Studies (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/#western-deans-agreement>) webpage.

Students must send confirmation of registration and notice of any change to the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the home institution at the time of registration or course change is completed.

Students may not claim fee waivers under the terms of this Agreement for a period of more than twelve (12) terms in total.

Each institution has its own regulations regarding the maximum number of transfer credits permitted in a given degree program. A list of the participating Universities can be found on the Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies website (<http://www.wcdgs.ca/>).

## Canadian University Graduate Transfer Agreement (CUGTA)

The CUGTA is to provide students in good standing enrolled in a graduate degree or diploma program at a Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS) member university the opportunity to avail themselves of courses offered at another member institution (host) for transfer credit to the program at their institution (home).

The CUGTA provides an application fee waiver for visiting students when applying through this agreement. Tuition fees are not automatically waived, it is up to the host institution whether tuition fees will be charged.

Program fees are always paid to the home institution, regardless of coursework taken at another institution. Students may be required to pay tuition, student, activity, application, or other ancillary fees to the host institution, according to general policies in effect at the host institution.

Only degree-level courses from recognized post-secondary institutions will be considered; courses that are part of certificate or diploma programs will not be approved.

Students must meet all requirements as prescribed by the host university's regulations, deadlines, class capacities, and course prerequisites.

Registration is possible in courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and in credit courses offered through distance education or other means. To be eligible, courses must be an integral part of the applicant's graduate degree program.

Students must submit the CUGTA form to their home University at least eight (8) weeks prior to the start of classes. The course syllabus is required to be submitted with the CUGTA form.

Students must have the Authorization Form approved by the relevant Department/Unit Head and the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the host institution at least one (1) month prior to the commencement of the requested course(s).

Students are subject to the home institution's regulations concerning credit for the courses to be taken. As a condition of registration at the host institution, students will arrange for official transcripts from the host institution to be sent to the home institution confirming successful completion of course(s) selected by the deadline found on the Faculty of Graduate Studies (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/#canadian-university-graduate-transfer-agreement>) webpage.

Students must send confirmation of registration and notice of any changes to the home institution at the time of registration/registration revision is completed.

Each institution has its own regulations regarding the maximum number of transfer credits that are permitted in a given degree program.

Most but not all Canadian universities that are a member of the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (<https://cags.ca/institutional->



members/) participate in the CUGTA. Student must contact the host institution for information on whether they accept the CUGTA.

## Letter of Permission

Students wishing to take course(s) at other recognized colleges or universities which do not fall under the Western Dean's or CUGTA agreements must apply through the Letter of Permission (LOP) (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/>) process. Courses taken at another institution may be transferred into a student's degree program or may be taken for interest. All applications are considered on a case-by-case basis and approval is not guaranteed.

Students must apply for an LOP through the Faculty of Graduate Studies online application system, which consists of providing a copy of the course syllabus from the other institution and making a payment of a \$75 CAD non-refundable application fee. Applications must be submitted at least 6-8 weeks prior to the start of the course(s) and applications must be approved before a student can register in those course(s).

Once the course(s) are completed, an official transcript issued directly by the university must be provided to the Faculty of Graduate Studies by applicable deadline found on the Letter of Permission (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/>) webpage.

## Course Classifications

### General Classifications

Students who register themselves must have prior approval of the Department/Unit Head or designate. Students registering themselves should add only those courses that are a Major (Standard "S") course in their program. Courses with Auxiliary "X", Audit "A", or Occasional "O" status (see below) must be added by the department/unit.

**"X" Auxiliary course:** Course is not a major requirement of the program but is required/recommended by the student's advisor/co-advisor. The student's advisory committee and Department/Unit Head must determine if there is a valid need for the registration in courses under the "X" classification. Extra courses that are not part of the Master's or Ph.D. program but which are specified and required/recommended by the student's advisory committee, may be classified as "X" and the grade will not be included in the degree GPA which appears on the transcript. However, "X" course grades may be used in the calculation of the GPA for continuation in the program and a minimum grade requirement may be required for "X" coursework by the department/unit. (Please consult the individual department's/unit's supplementary regulations.) Additionally, "X" courses are used in the calculation of the GPA for the purposes of Admission and Awards (e.g., the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF) and International Graduate Student Scholarship (IGSS)). A maximum of 12 credit hours under the "X" course classification is permitted while registered in a given program.

**"A" Audit course:** Course is not taken for credit. No grade is recorded. Additional fees will be assessed.

**"O" Occasional course:** Course is not a requirement of the program. Additional fees will be assessed.

#### Note:

- Students are not permitted to audit a course and take the same course for credit at a later date.

- Changes in course classifications are regarded as course/program changes and may not be made without approval (refer to Registration Revision (p. 3)) or after the deadline dates for course changes as indicated in the Academic Schedule of the *Calendar*.
- Graduate level courses cannot be challenged for credit.

## Incomplete Courses

Students who are unable to complete the term work prescribed in a course may apply to the instructor on or before the end date for the term in which the course is offered (as set out in the Academic Schedule), for consideration of a grade classification of incomplete (designated as "I" on the student's record) and time extension for work completion. Even if the student is granted an incomplete grade and an extension for assignment(s), the student will still need to write the final examination if one is scheduled for the course.

Taking into account the results of the final examination, the value of the term work completed, and the extent of the incomplete term work, the instructor shall calculate the temporary (incomplete) grade using a zero value for incomplete work. In no case will the satisfaction of the incomplete requirements result in a final grade that is lower than the incomplete grade recorded on the student's record.

The following maximum extensions are allowed:

- Courses ending in April: August 1 of the same year
- Courses ending between May and August: December 1 of the same year
- Courses ending in December: April 1 of the following year

If a final grade is not reported within one (1) month of the extension deadline, the letter "I" will be dropped, and the grade will remain as awarded (i.e., the incomplete grade will become the final grade). The student's opportunity to improve the grade will have lapsed. Please visit the Registrar's Office (<https://umanitoba.ca/registrar/grades/#time-extensions-for-incomplete-grades>) website for further information.

## Continuing Courses (CO)

For those graduate-level courses (6000, 7000, and 8000) which are being taken by students enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and which continue beyond the normal academic term, the instructor shall recommend that a grade classification of "CO" be used until such time as a final grade can be established. If the course is not completed by August 31, the student must re-register for the course(s).

In the absence of an assigned mark of "CO", the student may receive a mark of "F" in the course.

**Note:** With the exception of "GRAD" courses and established, ongoing departmental courses such as seminars, practica, etc., a "CO" will not usually be permitted to persist longer than 12 months. In exceptional circumstances where a "CO" grade is requested for a longer term of up to 24 months, the instructor and Department/Unit Head must submit both the "CO" grade and the "Recommendation for Continuing Status of a Course" (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>) form stating the reason for the "CO" and the deadline by which the course must be completed.

## Authorized Withdrawals

The University of Manitoba's Authorized Withdrawal Policy and Procedure documents are available on the University of Manitoba governing documents (<https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents-academic/#authorized-withdrawal>) webpage. The following section is

supplemental to these documents, and concerns present, former, or prospective students of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Requests for authorized withdrawals (AW) will only be considered for withdrawal from all courses in a given term, except in extraordinary circumstances. Extraordinary circumstances for a selective (e.g., a single course) AW must be substantiated by at least one of the following reasons and are subject to the approval of the Dean or their FGS designate:

- Relevant medical documentation attesting to why a student could manage some of the work/courses in a term, but not all of the work/courses;
- If the characteristics of a particular course differ from the other courses in the term (e.g., a practical/in-person component that could not be completed versus a regular academic course);
- If a particular course has irregular start/end dates (e.g., the course began and ended prior to the start of term, or the course was held over one weekend or one week, or the course requirements for the other courses in that term had already been completed).

Requests for AWs will be considered for the currently enrolled term and for term(s) dating back no more than three (3) consecutive terms (one (1) year).

## Cross-Listed Courses

Cross-listed courses are defined as multiple courses taught at the same time and in the same location.

The regulations below place limits on the extent to which cross-listed courses may be used to meet graduate program requirements.

- In order to receive credit for any 7000-level course that is cross-listed with a 3000-, 4000-, or 5000-level undergraduate course, the 7000-level course must have a distinct syllabus and the course content and evaluation methods must be at the graduate-level.
- Graduate students will not receive credit toward meeting program requirements for any 7000-level course cross-listed with a 1000- or 2000-level undergraduate course unless prior permission is granted by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies or designate.
- Graduate students will not receive credit toward meeting program requirements for any 7000-level course cross-listed with a previously completed course.

## Student Status/Categories of Students

### Full-Time and Part-Time Students

Graduate students are admitted as full-time students automatically for all programs. Graduate student status is not determined by the number of credit hours taken per term. Therefore, students who spend much of the time in a laboratory, in the field, or library engaged in research or writing a thesis/practicum, or who spend part of the academic year engaged in research elsewhere, are regarded as full-time students.

Requests to transfer from full-time to part-time status must be requested on the "Part-Time Status (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>)" request form after discussion between the student and their advisor and co-advisor (if applicable). This discussion should address any potential impacts of requesting a change to status on the student's program of study (e.g., research and access to facilities, funding, etc.). The form must be approved by the Department/Unit Head or designate and submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Declaration of full/part time status must be made prior to the end of the registration revision

period in the Fall and/or Winter terms and within one (1) month of the start of the Summer term. Retroactive status changes will not be made.

A change to part-time status cannot be granted solely for financial circumstances. Students can request to move to part-time if they have been offered full-time employment or have medical, family or other circumstances that make it impossible to devote themselves to their graduate program full-time. Students are not permitted to change to part-time status more than once within their program unless under exceptional circumstances. Once a student declares as part-time, they may return to full-time status once, but cannot subsequently revert to part-time.

Transferring to part-time status will affect a student's maximum time to complete degree requirements as follows:

- For every full year (12 months) that a Master's student is declared as part-time, they will receive an additional four (4) months in time to complete their program.
- For every two (2) full years (24 months) a Master's student is declared as part-time, they will receive an additional year (12 months) in time to complete their program.
- Master's students who declare part-time status for less than one year (12 months) are not permitted any additional time to complete their program.
- For every two (2) full years (24 months) that a Ph.D. student is declared as part-time, they will receive an additional four (4) months in time to complete their program.
- Ph.D. students who declare part-time status for less than two (2) full years (24 months) are not permitted any additional time to complete their program.

## Pre-Master's Students

In specific cases where the academic background of the student is judged to be insufficient for the given program in a department/unit, the department/unit may recommend that the student be admitted to a Pre-Master's. The Pre-Master's is intended to bring the student's standing to approximately the level of an Honours graduate in the major department/unit, and to satisfy prerequisites for courses. See General Regulations: Pre-Master's (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/academic-guide/general-regulations-pre-masters/>).

## Occasional Students

An occasional student is a student who is not currently in a degree program at The University of Manitoba and is wishing to take graduate level courses. Occasional students must apply via the regular FGS admission process (to the department/unit offering the course or majority of courses) and meet the same degree and grade point average entrance requirements as regular graduate students. Occasional students must write final examinations in the courses taken (unless audited) but will not receive credit toward a degree. Occasional students are to take the courses as "occasional" (see section Course Classifications – General Classifications above). If an occasional student applies to a degree program at a later date and is admitted, they may apply to transfer courses previously taken in the "occasional" category for credit towards their degree program.

Occasional student status is not advised for international students due to study permit limitations. International students interested in becoming an occasional student should contact the Graduate Studies admissions office and University of Manitoba International Centre.

**Note:**

- Transfer of courses from the “occasional” category to a degree program is not automatic; a request for advance credit must be made within the first year of a degree program on the “Advance Credit – Transfer of Credit (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/forms/>)” form.
- Fees paid by a student while registered as an occasional student are not credited to a degree program at a later date.
- Occasional students must register via their home unit/department. Registration as an occasional student is limited to a period of one (1) academic year (September 1 - August 31). Students who wish to continue taking courses as an occasional student must reapply annually.
- The majority of coursework per academic year must be taken at the graduate-level while registered as an occasional student.
- Students admitted as Occasional are required to upload proof of instructor permission in their application for admission to take the course(s) as Occasional.

### Joint Master's (With the University of Winnipeg)

The University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg offer four (4) joint Master's programs: History, Religion, Public Administration, and Peace and Conflict Studies. The University of Manitoba's Faculty of Graduate Studies is responsible for the administration of the joint programs, and students must complete the regular University of Manitoba application and registration forms. Students taking Pre-Master's qualifying work for these programs register at the university where the courses are being taken.

### Visiting Students

Visiting students are students who are registered at another institution who are taking one (1) or more courses at the University of Manitoba on a Letter of Permission from their home university. Visiting students must submit an online application, along with a \$100.00 (CAD) non-refundable application fee, in addition to copies of transcripts from all institutions attended and a successfully completed English Language Proficiency Test from the approved list, if applicable. Students must provide a letter from their home department/unit stating that they are in good academic standing and that they are permitted to take courses at multiple institutions.

Applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies a minimum of one (1) month prior to the start of the intended term of study.

**Note:**

- Fees paid by a student while registered as a visiting student are not credited to a degree program at a later date.
- Registration in the visiting student category can be for no more than one (1) academic year (September 1 - August 31) without reapplication.
- The majority of coursework per academic year must be taken at the graduate-level while registered as a visiting student.
- Registration at two different universities on a Letter of Permission (<https://umanitoba.ca/graduate-studies/programs-study/courses-taken-elsewhere/#letter-of-permission>) (Including Western Dean's and CUGTA) must have permission from the Dean of Graduate Studies.

### Visiting Student Researchers

Visiting Student Researchers (VSR) are students who are enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program at another recognized post-secondary institution who come to The University of Manitoba solely to conduct supervised student research with a faculty member. VSRs do not enroll in academic coursework but at the graduate level must register in the non-credit hour placeholder course VSR 7000 Visiting Student Research. VSRs must apply to FGS through the regular application system.

**Note:**

- **Research Supervisors:** Must be full-time UM faculty at the assistant professor level or higher. Research supervisors oversee the research plan, ethical compliance, training, and supervision. Matching VSRs with supervisors is the responsibility of the applicant, not UM.
- **Period of Research Activities:** VSRs can be enrolled at UM to undertake full-time research with a faculty research supervisor for a period of no less than 1 month (4 weeks) and no more than 12 months (3 terms). Extensions require the VSR to re-apply for admission.
- **Qualifications:** Graduate VSRs must be enrolled in a recognized graduate program at another institution. Bridging programs like Mitacs Globalink may allow exceptions. There is no English language or GPA requirement; qualifications are determined by the UM supervisor.
- **Application Process:** Submit an application, proof of enrolment, anticipated research dates, and planned research program signed by the UM supervisor. Applications should be submitted at least 8 weeks before arrival.
- **Registration and Fees:** VSRs are registered in a non-credit placeholder course, VSR 7000. They are not charged tuition but must pay administrative fees per term. International students must purchase travel health insurance.
- **Completion:** VSRs receive an “Attended” grade on their transcript. Early withdrawals will result in a “VW” grade. VSRs are treated like other students and may be subject to discipline under the Student Discipline Bylaw.