Graduate Student-at-Large

The Graduate Student-at-Large program provides an opportunity for qualified individuals who have earned a bachelor’s degree to register for evening and online graduate courses in University College or to register for day courses offered by the College of Arts & Sciences on a non-degree basis. This program is coordinated by University College, the continuing education and professional studies division at Washington University.

The program is designed for the following types of students:

- Individuals who wish to enroll in graduate courses on a part-time basis for personal or career enrichment
- Individuals who wish to try out a few graduate courses before seeking admission to a graduate program in University College
- Graduate students in good standing from another St. Louis–area college or university who wish to enroll in courses not offered at their home institution

Individuals who would like to take an undergraduate course through University College may do so by enrolling directly via the University College registration site (https://acadinfo.wustl.edu/ucollege/).

Policies and Procedures

- Individuals wishing to participate in the Graduate Student-at-Large program in Arts & Sciences must apply online (http://ucollege.wustl.edu/students/prospective/apply/) and provide all requested information.
- Eligibility for Graduate Student-at-Large status includes an earned bachelor's degree at another accredited college or university and a 3.0 minimum final cumulative grade-point average. Demonstrated achievement in professional and other work-related experiences will also be considered when applications are evaluated.
- A Graduate Student-at-Large is eligible to register for evening graduate courses offered through University College or day undergraduate courses offered through Arts & Sciences. Individuals who wish to register for day graduate courses in preparation for a graduate degree program in the College of Arts & Sciences at Washington University are required to apply for non-degree study through the Office of Graduate Studies, Arts & Sciences.
- All course enrollments are on a space-available basis and must be approved by the instructor and a University College advisor.
- A Graduate Student-at-Large is eligible to register for a maximum of 6 units (normally two courses) of graduate course work in a single semester. The student is eligible to register for a maximum of 9 units (normally three courses) of undergraduate course work in a single semester.
- A Graduate Student-at-Large may take courses for a letter grade, audit them, or take them on a pass/fail basis.
- Students register for courses through University College and pay tuition in full at the time of registration. Students are charged day tuition rates for day courses and evening rates for evening courses.
- Graduate Student-at-Large status will be terminated if a student receives a grade of F or if the student’s cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 at any time.
- Permission to register under this arrangement does not constitute admission to a degree program at Washington University. Qualified students may apply for admission at a future date to one of the degree-granting divisions of the university.
- A maximum of three courses taken while a student has Graduate Student-at-Large status may be applied to a graduate program in University College with authorization by University College. All courses applied to a graduate program must be taken for a letter grade.
- Courses taken as a Graduate Student-at-Large may be applied to a graduate or professional degree program at another division of Washington University with authorization by that academic division.
- Federal or institutional financial assistance is not available for the Graduate Student-at-Large.
- International students interested in the advanced certificate programs must hold a visa that permits part-time study (including F-2 and J-2 visas). Students holding F-1 visas are not eligible for these programs. Students holding B-2 visas may be eligible if the course work is recreational or avocational in nature.

Housing

On-campus housing is not available to a Graduate Student-at-Large during the academic year. However, off-campus housing is available. For more information about housing options, please contact the Office of Residential Life (http://reslife.wustl.edu) at 314-935-5050 or Quadrangle Housing (https://quadrangle.wustl.edu) at 314-935-9511.

For additional information about the Graduate Student-at-Large program, please contact us:

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