REGULAR DEGREE STUDENTS

Students are admitted by the Graduate School as regular degree students provided they meet the following criteria:

- Hold a baccalaureate or master's degree from an accredited college or university or demonstrate completion of work equivalent to the baccalaureate or master's degree given at CU Denver. Applicants whose credentials include studies or coursework at a College or University outside the USA (not taken as part of a semester abroad program) must include original transcripts and documentation in English (or certified English translation) of the transcript as evaluated by the CU Denver Office of International Affairs.
- Have an undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 or better ("A" is equal to 4.0) or a 3.00 or better GPA in twelve (12) credit hours or more of a partially completed graduate level Master's degree program. Applications from individuals who attended a College or University that does not issue grades or a GPA will be evaluated by the Graduate School on a case-by-case basis.
- Have adequate preparation to enter graduate study in the chosen program as demonstrated by their performance in the GRE or an appropriate substitute (i.e., MCAT, an earned MS/MA or PhD from a school in the United States, or completion of at least 12 credit hours of transferable graduate-level course work from an accredited US college or university). Although the Graduate School recommends that applicants take the GRE or other standardized tests, it is not a requirement for admission as a regular degree student if one of the other two indicators of preparedness is present. Some graduate programs, however, may require that all applicants take the GRE or an equivalent.
- Meet any additional requirements (such as particular undergraduate course work) for admission as established by the program.

International students must meet all of these requirements and also must provide:

- Original transcripts and documentation in English (or a certified English translation) of the completion of a Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or the equivalent as evaluated by the CU Denver Office of International Affairs;
- Financial and other documents as required by the International Student and Scholar Services Office to process immigration documents;
- A certified English translation of all academic records and references not in English, and
- Evidence of proficiency in English as defined in the University policy Official Measures of English Language Proficiency for Admission of International Students (effective July 1, 2012) by satisfying one of the following criteria:
  - The applicant is a citizen of a country whose official language is English, which includes Australia, Belize, Botswana, Canada (except Quebec), Commonwealth Caribbean, Ghana, Great Britain, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, and Zimbabwe; or
  - The applicant obtains a composite score of 75 or above on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL, iBT) (minimum subscores of 15 in Reading, 15 in Listening, 19 in Speaking, and 20 in Writing) or a composite score of 6.5 or above on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (minimum subscores of 5.5 in each area). Schools or Colleges, or individual graduate programs may require higher standards on these tests; or
  - The applicant has graduated from CU Denver's ESL Academy; or
  - The applicant has graduated with a bachelor's degree or higher from the United Kingdom or a US accredited school abroad where the language of instruction was English. (The applicant must provide a letter from the home institution verifying this information if the language of instruction is not clearly indicated on the official academic transcript); or
  - The applicant has graduated with a bachelor's degree or higher from a US accredited school abroad where the language of instruction was English. (The applicant must provide a letter from the home institution verifying this information if the language of instruction is not clearly indicated on the official academic transcript); or
  - The applicant has earned a bachelor's degree in the US or has successfully completed a minimum of 2 semesters (a minimum of 12 credits) of full-time study in a graduate-level master's program at an accredited institution in the US and obtained a "B" (3.00) cumulative GPA or higher.

Additional requirements and documentation may also be required.