

Admission Information

ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

Prospective graduate students should initiate application for admission as early as possible. The first step for a student interested in a degree program should be to obtain admission information from the department offering the program desired. Admission information will include instructions for applying to and the admission requirements of the particular program.

Admission to the Graduate College is based on a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, the Grade Point Average, the scores on required examinations and the information provided on the "Application for Graduate Admissions" form.* The only exception to the baccalaureate degree requirement pertains to students in the 3+2 joint Bachelor's/MBA degree program in the Lewis College of Business. Students who have previously taken graduate coursework at another institution must submit all pertinent transcripts and also meet undergraduate and examination requirements. Poor academic performance in prior graduate work may serve as the basis for the denial of admission to Marshall University Graduate College, at the discretion of the Graduate Dean.

The application for admission must be filed in the Office of Graduate Admissions at least two weeks prior to the opening of the term of enrollment. One official copy of the applicant's undergraduate transcript showing the degree earned and the date on which it was conferred must be mailed directly from the student's undergraduate college or university to the Office of Graduate Admissions when the application is filed. A transcript from each school attended is required.

Applicants for admission must complete GRE or other test requirements no later than their first semester of enrollment. Certain programs, such as Nursing, Biomedical Sciences and Communication Disorders, require the GRE before students may declare majors in those fields.

Students with temporary admission status will not be eligible for subsequent registration unless they have completed all requirements for admission and have been admitted to their requested program. Credit for coursework taken will not be applied toward a degree unless the admission process is completed.

The University reserves the right, even after the arrival and enrollment of students, to make individual curricular adjustments whenever particular deficiencies or needs are found. These deficiencies will be determined by the student's advisor or the program director/department chair. Students may be required to take such courses without credit toward the master's degree and at their own expense. This could also apply to additional coursework in Speech and/or English whenever necessary.

Further requirements or exceptions applicable to special fields are noted in the program statements in this catalog.

THE GRADUATE RECORD AND OTHER EXAMINATIONS

The **Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)** General Test is required of applicants to some programs. MBA students are required to take the **Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)** prior to admission to that program. Technology Management students have the option of taking either the GRE or the GMAT. Scores must be sent by the Educational Testing Service directly to Marshall University when the student applies for admission.

Graduate Record Examinations subject tests and the National Teacher Examination/PRAXIS Series may be required by specific departmental programs and will be so indicated in the program or departmental description in this catalog.

The GRE is available through a computer-based testing (CBT) program at the Sylvan Technology Center in South Charleston and on the Marshall University campus in Huntington. Call Sylvan at (304) 744-4144 or the Marshall testing center in Huntington at (304) 696-2604 for information and to register for the test. Additional information is available in the GRE Information and Regis-

*For international students, a baccalaureate degree from the equivalent of an appropriately accredited institution is required. See International Students, point number 5.

tration Bulletin, which may be obtained from the Graduate Dean's office and the Office of Graduate Admissions. The student wishing to take any of these examinations must make proper application and pay the required fees directly to the organization in charge of the examination, which should be notified to send an official copy of the examination scores to Graduate Admissions, Marshall University Graduate College, 100 Angus E. Peyton Drive, South Charleston, WV 25303-1600.

The GRE (or GMAT for Lewis College of Business students) must be taken prior to regular admission to the Graduate College. Temporarily admitted students may initially enroll without the GRE, but will be barred from subsequent registration until official GRE scores are reported to the University. Non-degree students are exempt from this requirement, but must take the GRE prior to changing their status to degree seeking.

Some programs in the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development and the Graduate School of Information Technology and Engineering accept scores from the **Miller Analogies Test (MAT)**. Refer to the degree programs section of this catalog for more information regarding acceptance of MAT scores. The MAT is administered weekly during the school year at the Graduate College in South Charleston and on request at the Psychology Department in Huntington. There is no preregistration required for the MAT, but the registration fee must be paid at the time the test is taken. For a recorded message about MAT administration information in South Charleston, call (304) 746-1944 or 1-800-642-9842, extension 1944. For information on taking the test in Huntington, call either 696-2777 or 696-6446 in Harris Hall.

Waiver of GRE Requirement

If a student has a master's or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education, the GRE requirement may be waived for any future master's program at Marshall University. Ultimate responsibility for this decision rests with the admissions committee for the program in which the student proposes to enroll.

ADMISSION CLASSIFICATION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

DEGREE-SEEKING — A student who desires admission as a degree-seeking graduate student must have an overall undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5. Individual schools and programs may require higher Grade Point Averages. A degree-seeking student must also meet all criteria for full admission to the program of his/her choice.

UNDECIDED students applying for admission to the Graduate College must present an undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 and a GRE score of at least 1500 (total of three subtests), or an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and a GRE score of at least 1200. Students not meeting these standards may be provisionally admitted to the Graduate College. Students who are admitted in the Undecided category may not take more than 12 credit hours before declaring a specific major. Undecided students will be barred from subsequent registration until they are admitted to a degree program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT — Students who do not want to be enrolled in degree programs but who wish to enroll in certification programs or other programs that require the completion of specified sequences of courses must apply as professional development students.

In most cases, requirements for admission to professional development programs are the same as for admission to degree programs. However, requirements for admission to these programs can vary and are explained in the degree programs section of this catalog.

PROVISIONAL — A student may be admitted as provisional in a degree program when the student possesses a baccalaureate degree but does not meet the criteria for regular admission. Provisional students may have deficiencies to make up, or may have an undergraduate scholastic record which shows promise, but lacks the combination of GRE scores and undergraduate GPA specified by the program. An academically provisional student must be reclassified as a regular student no later than the completion of the 12th graduate credit hour. This is accomplished by maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA.

NON-DEGREE ADMISSION — Persons who desire university instruction without wishing to become graduate degree candidates may be admitted as non-degree students, provided they present transcripts or diplomas denoting graduation from a regionally accredited undergraduate college or university. Before enrolling in a class, non-degree graduate students must obtain permission from the instructor. Students wishing to take courses offered by the College of Business must secure approval of the MBA program advisor. The fees for attendance as a non-degree student are the same as those set for other graduate students. Non-degree enrollment for graduate courses is not available to persons under suspension by the University.

A non-degree student may take a maximum of 15 semester hours. Permission for non-degree students to register for additional hours beyond 15 can be granted by the Senior Vice President for Graduate Studies or the Dean of the Graduate College in exceptional cases. All such graduate students will complete a non-degree application for admission not later than the scheduled time of registration. A person holding a graduate degree may take an unrestricted number of additional courses for which he/she has the prerequisites and departmental permission.

Non-degree graduate students may apply later for regular or provisional graduate student status by filing the necessary documents, provided they meet the admission requirements described in the current Marshall University Graduate College Catalog. However, work taken as a non-degree student cannot in itself qualify a person for admission as a degree candidate. Only credit approved by the assigned program advisor and the Dean of the Graduate College will be counted toward a degree awarded by the University.

TRANSIENT — Visiting graduate students who are duly enrolled at another regionally accredited institution may, upon submission of an admission application and a letter of good standing from their home university, enroll for Marshall University graduate course work. This admission is valid for one semester only. The student must submit a new application and letter of good standing each semester he/she wishes to attend.

Normally, up to twelve credit hours of coursework may be transferred back to the home institution. Permission to transfer credits is arranged with the home university. Transient students who wish to register for coursework beyond twelve credit hours at Marshall are required to obtain the approval of Marshall University's Graduate Dean.

IN-SERVICE TEACHER DEVELOPMENT — Teachers approved by their county schools may use a special form to be admitted in the In-Service Teacher Development category. Students admitted in this category are restricted to registering for In-Service Teacher Development classes (560 series, College of Education) for which they will receive credit/non-credit grades. Such classes cannot be used for degree purposes. Students who wish to mix regular and In-Service Teacher Development classes must seek regular admission to the Graduate College.

SENIORS — Seniors at accredited baccalaureate institutions with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 may register for graduate classes (500 and 600 series) after they have received approval from their undergraduate dean, the chair of the department offering the course, and the dean of the Graduate College. Complete applications must be on file in the Graduate College Office and permission secured prior to the opening of the term of enrollment. Credit for graduate courses completed as a senior can be applied to either an undergraduate or a graduate degree at Marshall University but not to both.

POLICY REGARDING CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS AS RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS FOR ADMISSION AND FEE PURPOSES (Board of Trustees Series No. 34)

Section 1. Classification for Admission and Fee Purposes

1.1 Students enrolling in a West Virginia public institution of higher education shall be assigned a residency status for admission, tuition, and fee purposes by the institutional officer designated by the President. In determining residency classification, the issue is essentially one of domicile. In general, the domicile of a person is that person's true, fixed, permanent home and place of habitation. The decision shall be based upon information furnished by the student and all other

relevant information. The designated officer is authorized to require such written documents, affidavits, verifications, or other evidence as is deemed necessary to establish the domicile of a student. The burden of establishing domicile for admission, tuition, and fee purposes is upon the student.

1.2 If there is a question as to domicile, the matter must be brought to the attention of the designated officer at least two weeks prior to the deadline for the payment of tuition and fees. Any student found to have made a false or misleading statement concerning domicile shall be subject to institutional disciplinary action and will be charged the nonresident fees for each academic term theretofore attended.

1.3 The previous determination of a student's domiciliary status by one institution is not conclusive or binding when subsequently considered by another institution; however, assuming no change of facts, the prior judgment should be given strong consideration in the interest of consistency. Out-of-state students being assessed resident tuition and fees as a result of a reciprocity agreement may not transfer said reciprocity status to another public institution in West Virginia.

Section 2. Residence Determined by Domicile

2.1 Domicile within the State means adoption of the State as the fixed permanent home and involves personal presence within the State with no intent on the part of the applicant or, in the case of a dependent student, the applicant's parent(s) to return to another state or country. Residing with relatives (other than parent(s)/legal guardian) does not, in and of itself, cause the student to attain domicile in this State for admission or fee payment purposes. West Virginia domicile may be established upon the completion of at least twelve months of continued presence within the State prior to the date of registration, provided that such twelve months' presence is not primarily for the purpose of attendance at any institution of higher education in West Virginia. Establishment of West Virginia domicile with less than twelve months' presence prior to the date of registration must be supported by evidence of positive and unequivocal action. In determining domicile, institutional officials should give consideration to such factors as the ownership or lease of a permanently occupied home in West Virginia, full-time employment within the State, paying West Virginia property tax, filing West Virginia income tax returns, registering of motor vehicles in West Virginia, possessing a valid West Virginia driver's license, and marriage to a person already domiciled in West Virginia. Proof of a number of these actions shall be considered only as evidence which may be used in determining whether or not a domicile has been established. Factors militating against the establishment of West Virginia domicile might include such considerations as the student not being self-supporting, being claimed as a dependent on federal or state income tax returns or the parents' health insurance policy if the parents reside out of state, receiving financial assistance from state student aid programs in other states, and leaving the State when school is not in session.

Section 3. Dependency Status

3.1 A dependent student is one who is listed as a dependent on the federal or state income tax return of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian or who receives major financial support from that person. Such a student maintains the same domicile as that of the parent(s) or legal guardian. In the event the parents are divorced or legally separated, the dependent student takes the domicile of the parent with whom he/she lives or to whom he/she has been assigned by court order. However, a dependent student who enrolls and is properly classified as an in-state student maintains that classification as long as the enrollment is continuous and that student does not attain independence and establish domicile in another state.

3.2 A nonresident student who becomes independent while a student at an institution of higher education in West Virginia does not by reason of such independence alone, attain domicile in this State for admission or fee payment purposes.

Section 4. Change of Residence

4.1 A person who has been classified as an out-of-state student and who seeks resident status in West Virginia must assume the burden of providing conclusive evidence that he/she has established domicile in West Virginia with the intention of making the permanent home in this State. The intent to remain indefinitely in West Virginia is evidenced not only by a person's statements, but also by that person's actions. In making a determination regarding a request for change in residency sta-

tus, the designated institutional officer shall consider those actions referenced in Section 2. The change in classification, if deemed to be warranted, shall be effective for the academic term or semester next following the date of the application for reclassification.

Section 5. *Military*

5.1 An individual who is on full-time active military service in another state or a foreign country or an employee of the federal government shall be classified as an in-state student for the purpose of payment of tuition and fees, provided that the person established a domicile in West Virginia prior to entrance into federal service, entered the federal service from West Virginia, and has at no time while in federal service claimed or established a domicile in another state. Sworn statements attesting to these conditions may be required. The spouse and dependent children of such individuals shall also be classified as in-state students for tuition and fee purposes.

5.2 Persons assigned to full-time active military service in West Virginia and residing in the State shall be classified as in-state students for tuition and fee purposes. The spouse and dependent children of such individuals shall also be classified as in-state students for tuition and fee purposes.

Section 6. *Aliens*

6.1 An alien who is in the United States on a resident visa or who has filed a petition for naturalization in the naturalization court, and who has established a bona fide domicile in West Virginia as defined in Section 2 may be eligible for in-state residency classification, provided that person is in the State for purposes other than to attempt to qualify for residency status as a student. Political refugees admitted into the United States for an indefinite period of time and without restriction on the maintenance of a foreign domicile may be eligible for an in-state classification as defined in Section 2. Any person holding a student or other temporary visa cannot be classified as an in-state student.

Section 7. *Former Domicile*

7.1 A person who was formerly domiciled in the State of West Virginia and who would have been eligible for an in-state residency classification at the time of his/her departure from the state may be immediately eligible for classification as a West Virginia resident provided such person returns to West Virginia within a one year period of time and satisfies the conditions of Section 2 regarding proof of domicile and intent to remain permanently in West Virginia.

Section 8. *Appeal Process*

8.1 The decisions of the designated institutional officer charged with the determination of residency classification may be appealed to the president of the institution. The president may establish such committees and procedures as are determined to be appropriate for the processing of appeals. The decision of the president of the institution may be appealed in writing with supporting documentation to the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees in accord with such procedures as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

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ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Marshall University is authorized under U. S. Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students with F-1 or J-1 visa status.

International applicants must submit the following documents to be considered for admission:

1. A Marshall University application form, which is obtained by writing to the Director of International Students and Scholars Program, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia 25755-1054, U.S.A.
2. Official transcripts in English of all high school, college or university academic credits and

grades. The transcripts must be sent directly by the institution attended to the Marshall University Admissions Office.

3. Evidence of proficiency in the English language as indicated by one of the following:
 - a. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) minimum score of 525 reported directly to Marshall University Admissions Office by the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Results from the test taken more than two years prior to the date submitted will not be considered. If a program mandates a score higher than 525, that requirement will be found in the second half of this catalog.,
 - b. Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency (MTELP) equated score of 82 minimum.
 - c. Completion of the advanced level in an intensive English language program comparable to level 9 of an English Language School (ELS).
 - d. A degree or diploma from an accredited high school, college or university in which the language of instruction is English.
 - e. English is the official native language of the country of permanent residence (England, Canada, New Zealand, etc.)
4. An affidavit of financial support either from a personal sponsor (parent, relative, friend, etc.) or scholarship agency (government, corporation, etc.) stating the availability of funds and the intention to support the educational and living expenses of the applicant for the duration of studies at Marshall University. Applicants who are self-supporting should provide a statement so indicating and accompany the statement with documentary evidence (bank statement, letter of employer, verifying study leave and salary arrangements, etc.) that funds are available for study.
5. The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) World Education Series Books will be used to determine admissibility of international students.

Upon receipt of the above documents, the applicant's credentials are evaluated and a letter of admission and I-20 Certificate of Eligibility are sent; however, an \$11,000 deposit must be received in the International Students' Program Office before an I-20 form is issued to applicants from countries of proven credit risk, including Ghana, Iran, and Nigeria. Of this deposit, one-half (1/2) of the full-time tuition and fees for one year, and room and board for one year, if contracted with the University, is to remain on deposit as long as the student is enrolled. If the student subsequently moves off campus, the money held for room and board will be refunded.

All nonimmigrant student applicants currently in the United States are required to submit an "International Student Advisor's Report" which should be completed by an official at the United States educational institution last attended or currently being attended in the United States. Forms may be obtained from the Marshall University Admissions Office.

The International Student Office will provide a list of courses designed to enable students to improve English proficiency and aid them in their studies. Special courses include: Diction for International Students; and Independent Skills Study offered by the Community and Technical College.

The international student must meet the measles/rubella vaccination requirement of the University of West Virginia Board of Trustees.

International students should address questions regarding their immigration status or other areas to the Coordinator for International Students' Programs, 212 Old Main (304-696-2379).