



## ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

**International applicants who are applying from outside Canada should apply at least six (6) months in advance. Visit the University of New Brunswick (UNB) International Student's website for additional information on student life, money matters, academic programs, etc. (<http://www.unb.ca/prospective/international/>).**

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**Applicants to the School of Graduate Studies at UNB who are neither Canadian citizens nor landed immigrants should be aware of the fact that only very limited funds are available for financial support.** Most funds available to the University for the support of graduate students as research assistants are restricted, by government policy, to recipients who are either Canadian citizens or landed immigrants. The result of this situation is that only a small number of students holding student visas can be awarded financial assistance in any given year, and that such awards are invariably made only to students with very high academic qualifications. Therefore, students from abroad are strongly urged to apply for awards from other agencies for which they may be eligible, such as the Commonwealth Scholarships ([www.scholarships-bourses-ca.org](http://www.scholarships-bourses-ca.org)) or the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) (<http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/>). Please also visit the School of Graduate Studies Awards Register: <http://www.unb.ca/web/grad/>.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English is both the working language and the primary language of instruction and examination at UNB. Hence it is essential that all students be able to communicate and comprehend effectively, both orally and in written form, in English. All international applicants to the School of Graduate Studies whose mother tongue is not English are required to demonstrate that they have a sufficiently good command of the English language to enable them to participate fully in the academic life of the University. This includes International applicants who are Landed Immigrants or reside in Canada. Proficiency in English **MUST** be demonstrated by one of the means listed below. This proficiency requirement will **NOT** be waived. The School of Graduate Studies will not issue the final "Certificate of Acceptance" until the English proficiency requirement is met.

The normal method for demonstrating English competence is through completion of the paper-based test of English as a Foreign Language - TOEFL (minimum score of 550), including the Test of Written English - TWE (minimum score 4.0). Also, a computer based TOEFL (minimum score 213) including the Test of Written English - TWE (minimum score of 4.0). Information concerning the TOEFL & TWE is available at United States embassies and consulates, offices of the U.S. Information Service, or directly from Test of Written English as a Foreign Language, Box 899, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA, or the website <http://www.toefl.org>.

Proficiency in English may also be demonstrated through completion of one of the following tests, and must include any written components of that test battery:

- the British Council English Language Test - IELTS (minimum score of band 7);
- the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery - MELAB (minimum score of 85); or
- the Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees - CanTest (minimum score of band 4.5).

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Some Graduate Academic Units (GAUs) require a higher standard on these tests than the ones indicated as the minimum for the School of Graduate Studies. To enquire what the minimum TOEFL Score is acceptable in the GAU to which you are applying, please enquire directly to the Graduate Academic Unit (list is included in the application package).
- A photocopy of the test scores for preliminary consideration may be submitted with your application until the official scores are received directly from the testing agency.
- Applications will be regarded as incomplete without test scores.
- If the School of Graduate Studies determines subsequent to admission that an individual's actual proficiency in English is not adequate, the student may be required to take a standardized English proficiency test at UNB and/or enrol in and successfully complete a UNB English language course(s) [ENGL 5021 &/or 5022, or equivalent] in order to maintain registration in the Graduate School.

## Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)

**Some Graduate Academic Units (GAUs) require Graduate Record Examinations (GRE). To enquire which GAU requires the GRE tests, please see the enclosed “Additional Required Documentation for Graduate Programs.”** The GRE tests are taken by individuals applying to graduate schools. The general test is offered as a computer-based test in the U.S., Canada, and many other countries. Paper-based general test administrations are offered in areas of the world where computer-based testing is not available. The test measures skills that have been developed over a long period of time and are not necessarily related to any particular field of study.

For more information about Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) tests, **visit the website [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org); alternatively, you may request the appropriate information from the Graduate Record Examinations, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6004, Princeton, NJ USA 08541-6004.**

## Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)

If you are applying to the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program on the Fredericton Campus, applications are considered from candidates holding an undergraduate degree in any discipline from a recognized university. The Graduate School requires a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 (out of a maximum 4.3) for admission. A minimum score of 550 on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is a factor in the consideration of applications. Work experience is also given consideration.

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score (<http://www.gmat.org>). **Please call 1-800-462-8669 (in Canada). An appointment will be arranged for testing.** You can also request a GMAT waiver as follows:

### Procedure for Waiver of GMAT

You must have an application submitted to the MBA program before such a request will be reviewed. Your request cannot be assessed until the Admissions Committee review your admission requirements. There is no formal application for the GMAT waiver request. Simply submit a letter requesting a waiver of the GMAT requirement, e-mail to: [karen@unb.ca](mailto:karen@unb.ca), addressed to the Associate Dean-Programs, at the time of the “Official Application” to the MBA Program. Please attach the required information as stated above. Granting of a GMAT waiver does not, however, guarantee acceptance into the MBA program.

## Duration of Graduate Programs

**Graduate students proceeding to the master’s degree must complete their work within four years of the date of their first registration while those proceeding to a doctoral degree must complete their work within seven years.** An extension of the time limit may be granted to a student in exceptional circumstances, provided that the Graduate Academic Unit concerned supports such an extension.

Almost all of the graduate degree programs offered by UNB involve the writing of a dissertation, thesis, or report which must be defended at an oral examination. Students who intend to come to UNB from other countries in order to study for a graduate degree are reminded of the above requirements, and of the consequent need to remain at this University until the oral examination has been completed successfully. Candidates who leave before completion of their dissertation, thesis, or report, will be required to return to the University in order to take the oral examination.

Students from abroad should, therefore, ensure that they have sufficient financial resources and that they are free of commitments to return home for a period of time which is adequate to complete all requirements of the degree concerned.