

General Conditions for the Admission of Graduate Programs at KAU

The following are generally required for admission to the Graduate Studies programs:

1. The applicant must be Saudi, Non-Saudi Must, be on official Scholarships for graduate studies. As for residents, the general grade must be Excellent, and the graduation date must not exceed five years.
2. The applicant must have a university degree from a Saudi university or any other recognized university.
3. The applicant must have good conduct, and he/she must be medically fit.
4. The applicant must present two academic recommendations from professors who previously taught him/her.
5. The approval of the applicant's employer if employed.
6. The candidate must be a full-time student. The council of each university may add to these general conditions whatever it sees necessary.

Admission to the Master's level requires that the student has at least a "Very Good" grade in his/her first degree. The Deanship of Graduate Studies may accept students with a grade "Good Plus Grade" provided that the student's grade in the major courses at the bachelor's level is at least "Very Good." The Deanship of the Graduate Studies may, upon a recommendation from the

Department Council and the approval of the Faculty Council, add other conditions which seem necessary for admission

Admission to the Ph.D. degree requires having a grade of at least "Very Good" at the Master's level. The Deanship of the Graduate Studies, upon a recommendation of the Department Council and the approval of the Faculty Council, may add other conditions which they deem necessary for admission.

It is possible to admit an applicant for a master's or Ph.D. program in a specialty other than the student's major upon the recommendation of the concerned department and the faculty councils and the approval of the Deanship of Graduate Studies.

The concerned department may require for admission to the Master's and Ph.D. program, the passing of some supplementary courses from a previous stage within a period that does not exceed three academic semesters, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. Passing the supplementary course from the first time with a grade of at least "Good."
2. The cumulative grade point average in the supplementary courses must not be less than "Very Good."
3. Registering for graduate studies is to be completed after passing the supplementary courses. The department may permit registration in the graduate studies courses if there remain only one or two supplementary courses.
4. The period for passing the supplementary courses is not included in the set period for obtaining the degree.
5. The supplementary courses do not count in the cumulative grade point average of the graduate courses.
6. The applicant must obtain a TOEFL score of 400, or its equivalent, for the Master's level. Ph.D. programs require a minimum score of 500 is required.
7. The Deanship of the Graduate Studies coordinates with and applies the Deanship of Admissions and Registration regulations for admission and registration of graduate students.

N.B. Students are not allowed to register in two graduate programs at the same time.