College of Graduate Studies

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Graduates of Middle Tennessee State University and of other accredited institutions are eligible to apply for admission to the College of Graduate Studies.

All applicants for a degree program must complete an application, pay an application fee, provide official transcripts from each college or university attended (except MTSU), provide any required references, and meet entrance test requirements as set forth in the Graduate Catalog.

International students must submit a financial statement and a score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (computer-based minimum score 173, paper-based minimum score of 525). Please see the Graduate Catalog for further information.

Admission to the College of Graduate Studies does not imply admission to a graduate program or candidacy for a degree.

Seniors at MTSU with 98 semester hours credit will be allowed to take graduate work for a total of no more than 12 semester hours upon approval of the undergraduate advisor, the graduate program advisor, and the graduate dean. An application form must be obtained from the Graduate Office. The Jennings A. Jones College of Business does not have such a program. Graduate work (5000-, 6000-, and 7000-level courses) may not be used toward an undergraduate degree. Not all graduate courses are offered to undergraduates. Permission is not guaranteed.

Graduate Programs

Graduate degrees offered are listed on page 18. Details of available graduate study, courses offered, and specific degree requirements may be found in the Graduate Catalog.

Master’s Degrees

Many departments at MTSU offer graduate programs leading to a master’s degree. A student’s program of study is directed by the major department, subject to the approval of the graduate dean. Fields in which the degrees may be earned are listed in the academic inventory beginning on page 18 and in the following list of graduate majors:
- Accounting/Information Systems
- Administration and Supervision
- Aerospace Education
- Aviation Administration
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Business Education
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Economics
- English
- Exercise Science and Health Promotion
- Foreign Languages
- Health, Physical Education, Recreation
- History
- Human Sciences
- Industrial Studies
- Mass Communication
- Mathematics
- Music
- Psychology
- Reading
- School Counseling
- Sociology
- Special Education
- Vocational-Technical Education

Graduate Certificate Programs

Certificates of completion of core curricula are available in Art Education, Critical Care Nursing, Geoscience, and Gerontology.

Specialist in Education Degree

The Specialist in Education degree (Ed.S.) is offered in Administration and Supervision and in Curriculum and Instruction.

Doctor of Arts Degree

The Doctor of Arts degree (D.A.) is offered in Chemistry, Economics, English, History, and Physical Education. An applicant for admission must hold a master’s degree or its equivalent from an accredited institution.

Ph.D. Conversion

Conversion of the D.A. programs in English, Economics, and Physical Education to Ph.D. programs in English, Economics, and Human Performance, respectively, has been approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents and awaits final action by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.