

Graduate Non-Degree Seeking Petition for Federal Financial Aid

FGRPRE Processing time: 3 Week Minimum

Important Information and Definitions

Non-degree seeking students are generally not eligible to receive federal financial aid, however, students who are taking prerequisite classes for admission may use this form to appeal.

Please note: students who are only taking classes to raise their GPA will not qualify under this exception.

When completing the 20xx-20xx Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Graduate Non-Degree seeking students should PROVIDE OR UPDATE* the following answers to the questions listed below:

- When you begin the 20xx-20xx school year, what will be your grade level?
Answer: 5th year/other undergraduate
- When the student begins the 20xx-20xx school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree?
Answer: Yes

** If you have already completed your FAFSA, please return and revise the questions above.*

Federal Loan Eligibility Limits

For purposes of federal financial aid eligibility, Graduate Non-Degree seeking students are considered enrolled in "preparatory coursework to enroll in a graduate program." Independent students may be eligible to borrow up to \$12,500 in Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized loans. The amount and loan type is based on demonstrated financial need and other information provided on the FAFSA. Dependent students may be eligible to borrow up to \$7,500 in Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized loans. Your dependency status is determined by federal regulations (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>). The Petition for Graduate Preparatory Work is limited to a single consecutive 12-month period.

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for The Petition for Graduate Preparatory Work:

- The courses to be taken are prerequisites for enrollment in a program leading to a degree.
- The courses must be part of an eligible program otherwise offered by the school even though the student is not yet enrolled in that program.
- The student is enrolled at least half-time (6 units) in these prerequisite courses.
- The preparatory courses may not be used to raise the student's GPA in order to be admitted to the program.
- The student must not have previously received loans under this provision.

If you need to borrow beyond the limited amount of Federal Direct Loans available to you, parents of dependent students may be eligible to borrow the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan. Independent students seeking to borrow beyond the limited amount of Federal Direct Loans may pursue a private educational loan. For information about private educational loans, review the information for private educational loans on our website: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/loans/private>

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Section A - To be completed by the student

LAST NAME:	FIRST:	STUDENT ID:
LOCAL ADDRESS:		ZIP:
PHONE:	E-MAIL:	

Student Certification

Please read and initial beside each statement below before signing to indicate you have read and understood the terms and requirements.

- ☐ I am currently seeking entry into _____ graduate degree program.
- ☐ I certify that I have not previously received Federal Direct Loan funds for preparatory coursework to be admitted to a degree program. This includes the University of Arizona and any other school I have attended.
- ☐ I will only be considered for Federal Direct Loans based on undergraduate loan limits.
- ☐ I understand the period of funding may not exceed 12 consecutive months and if I do not take classes or receive aid for any term during that 12 month period, I will not be able to receive it later.
- ☐ I must be enrolled at least half-time (6 units), and I must meet all other financial aid eligibility and prerequisite requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____

Section B - To be completed by the Academic Department

Academic Department Certification

Is the student required to take classes to meet prerequisites for admission to a graduate degree program? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Is the student taking courses solely to raise their GPA to meet admission requirements to a degree program? ☐ YES ☐ NO

List the courses and term(s) the student plans to enroll. **Preparatory Coursework start date:**

Fall 20____	Spring 20____	Summer 20____

Future Plan/Major _____ Degree Sought (PhD or MS) _____ Anticipated Term of Admission _____

I certify that the courses listed above would fulfill the students' requirements for admission to a graduate degree program.

Grad Dept Advisor Name (Print) _____ Title _____

Grad Dept Advisor Signature _____ Date _____

Section C - To be completed by the Graduate College

The Graduate College certifies that this student (a) has a GND admit status, and (b) is enrolled in at least six (6) units.

Graduate College Staff Signature _____ Date _____