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MASTER'S DEGREE ADMISSION

1. A minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 or 2.75 in the last half of the undergraduate program is required. This would be initiated in two steps. Beginning with the fall of 1977, a 2.25 minimum undergraduate GPA would be established, with an option of 2.5 in the last half of the undergraduate program. This would increase to 2.5 and 2.75 respectively in the fall of 1980.
2. Any department may, at its option, establish higher GPA standards or other additional requirements for admission that go beyond the minimum.
3. Between 1977 and 1980, students between 2.00 - 2.25 may be admitted to a degree program only after completing minimum of 10 graduate hours at EMU. After 1980, students between 2.0 - 2.5 may be admitted to degree programs in the same manner. At least six hours in this 10-hour requirement must be taken in the department in which admission is sought. Selected courses are to be established by the department or approved by the graduate adviser. A student must achieve a grade point average of 6.0 (B+) in the 10 hours taken and in the two or more courses required within the specific discipline. Departments may wish to exclude this option as an admission criteria, or may wish to establish higher standards than those proposed.
4. Should a department determine that admission criteria other than GPA are more appropriate, and wish to establish an admission policy that goes below 2.25 - 2.5, proposals to request this may be submitted to the Graduate Council. It should be emphasized, however, that proposals suggesting alternate admission criteria should be at least as rigorous as those established as minimal for program degree admission.

The Graduate Council will approve requests only when it can be determined that the proposed modification provides an alternative, but not lower standards, than that established. Graduate grading practices will be reviewed along with the proposal, and departments will be required to demonstrate that grading practices in existence will not assure automatic success for students admitted through the alternative proposed.

SPECIALIST DEGREE ADMISSION

A minimum grade point average of 6.0 (8+) in the master's degree program is required. Departments preferring to establish some criteria other than graduate GPA, or some combination of criteria that are perceived as more appropriate, may submit a request to the Graduate Council. The same criteria as stated in 4. above will be applied by the Council.

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NON-DEGREE ADMISSION

Any student with an undergraduate GPA of 2.0 may be admitted as a non-degree student. Non-degree students may not be admitted to a degree program unless one of the criteria listed above is met. This admission category would be limited to 18 hours if the student does not meet admission criteria established for degree admission.

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