

Admissions

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For admission to Master's programs, applicants must possess a four-year degree from an accredited university or college. SGPS requires at least a 70% average in senior level academic courses, as determined by SGPS taken in the last two full-time years of the undergraduate degree. Equivalent qualifications may be considered based on the standards of the discipline or profession.

For admission to most Doctoral programs, applicants must possess a Master's degree or equivalent from a university, or college, and provide evidence of research potential. SGPS requires at least a 70% average in the Master's degree, as determined by SGPS. Some Western programs provide transfers from Master's to Doctoral degree status without achieving a Master's degree. Some Western programs offer direct entry to begin a doctoral degree without having a completed Master's degree. Consult the program's regulations for details.

Individual programs commonly have higher admission standards than the minimum. Applicants should contact their program of choice to get information on its admission requirements.

2. **Proficiency in English**

Exemptions:

Applicants may request an exemption by contacting their graduate program(s) of interest.

For the French and Hispanic Studies programs only, evidence of proficiency in English is a degree requirement but not a requirement for admission.