






Plan Now for Successful Graduate School Admission

In challenging economic times, it is tempting to cut back on educational expenses. At SUNY Fredonia, you are assured of a quality graduate education at an affordable price. Completing your graduate work at Fredonia allows you to work with talented faculty from around the world to gain knowledge & experiences that will increase your job marketability.


Applying for graduate school can be stressful & confusing. Start your planning & preparation for fall 2009 admission. Follow these tips for a successful graduate application:





-  **Research graduate school degree programs & admission requirements:** Today's technology makes this easy. Check out our [website](#) for SUNY Fredonia degree program information & a link to our online application.
-  **Consider related fields/take an alternate path:** Check the Occupational Outlook Handbook [online](#) to research hot career paths. Thinking of switching to a teaching career? Job prospects continue to be favorable, especially in high-demand fields such as math, science & bilingual education. Our [accelerated programs](#) allow you to attain certification while completing your master's degree & funding is available. A degree in [Interdisciplinary Studies](#) allows you to plan your own program
-  **Start your application:** Get an overview of basic & additional requirements & start your application. SUNY Fredonia's online application allows you to log on at any time & work on your application over several sessions.
-  **Review additional requirements:** Check out international applicant & departmental requirements.



-  **Update your résumé & write a rough draft of your statement of intent:** Easing into the application process by completing some of the preliminary

tasks will make your experience much less stressful. An updated résumé is valuable in helping you focus on the qualities that make you an attractive graduate school candidate. You should always ask a trusted colleague, friend, or family member to proofread your résumé & [statement](#).

-  **Request your transcripts:** Submission of official transcripts for all college credit awarded is a basic requirement for graduate school admission.

-  **Recruit recommendation providers:** Request recommendations from those who can best assess your ability to perform at the graduate level. Professors who know you well, faculty supervisors, & research mentors are all desirable recommendation providers. A professional approach & clear communication as to methods of submission (i.e. online) & deadlines is essential.
-  **Put it all together:** Complete additional department requirements & write your statement of intent final draft.
-  **Submit your application:** SUNY Fredonia makes it easy to complete most application requirements online. Visit our [website](#) today at to explore programs, opportunities, & take a virtual tour of the area.
-  **Follow up:** Log in [online](#) to check your application status anytime. Research [funding opportunities](#). Contact the office with any questions.

SUNY Fredonia Graduate Application Checklist

Basic Requirements

- ✓ \$75 Application Fee
- ✓ Graduate Application
- ✓ Statement of Intent
- ✓ Résumé
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Recommendations (2)

Additional Requirements

- ✓ Proof of New York Teaching Certification (Education programs)
- ✓ Writing Sample – 8-20 pages (English programs)
- ✓ TESOL English Essay (TESOL programs)
- ✓ TESOL non-English Essay (TESOL programs)
- ✓ Music Audition (Music Education – recital track, Performance, Theory/Composition programs)
- ✓ FSA-3 Form (Non-U.S. applicants)
- ✓ TOEFL, TOEIC, or IELTS score report (Non-U.S. applicants)
- ✓ FSA-4 Form & Financial Support paperwork (Non-U.S. applicants)