# Admission Requirements

## Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

**Degree:** Doctor in Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
**Major:** Geosciences

### Important information about applying to Graduate School:

- **Transcripts:** Submit official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all schools attended.  
  NOTE: If you attended one of the Florida State University System institutions, transcripts may be requested electronically.

- **Supporting documentation:** Supplemental applications, letters of recommendation, and/or portfolios should be submitted directly to your graduate program.

- **Conduct:** A “yes” answer to either of the conduct questions on the online application will require a written explanation.  
  Additional information may be requested when your application is under review.  
  Applications will not be fully processed until all conduct issues are cleared.

- **Application status:** Once your application has been submitted, you can check your application status online to ensure transcripts and test scores have been received.  
  NOTE: Application status will say incomplete until an admission decision has been made.

- **Residency classification:** Your residency classification automatically defaults to non-Florida.  
  After you are admitted, the residency officer will request additional documents by email if needed.

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### Domestic Students

- Undergraduate GPA 3.0 from regionally accredited college or university
- Graduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE test score of 150 or higher (verbal) and 150 or higher (quantitative)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Letter of support from a Geoscience faculty member with willingness to supervise the applicant’s doctoral research

### International Students

- Undergraduate GPA 3.0 from regionally accredited college or university
- Graduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE test score of 150 or higher (verbal) and 150 or higher (quantitative)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Letter of support from a Geoscience faculty member with willingness to supervise the applicant’s doctoral research
- A general evaluation of international transcripts is required; FAU will do the evaluation or it must be done by a NACES member
- TOEFL score of 550 or IBT of 79-80; IELTS 6.0; Duolingo 100

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### Application Deadlines

**Domestic Students**

- Fall (only): March 15  
- No Spring semester acceptance
- No Summer semester acceptance

**International Students**

- Fall (only): February 15  
- No Spring semester acceptance
- No Summer semester acceptance

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