

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The candidate must maintain a minimum standard of 3.0 on a 4.0 system. The student must not accumulate more than six semester hours of credit below B (3.0). Either of the above will result in the removal of the student from candidacy for the degree.

TIME LIMIT

All program requirements for graduate degrees, including transfer credits, must be completed within six years from the beginning of the first term in which credit was earned toward the degree.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Limited research and administrative assistantships are available. To apply for graduate assistantships go to www.alcorn.edu/academic/graduate/academics/forms. Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid concerning loans, work study and other possible sources of funding.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicants interested in application materials or details on specific academic programs may contact:

The Office of Graduate Studies

1000 ASU Drive, #689

Lorman, Mississippi 39096

601-877-6122

<http://www.alcorn.edu/academics/graduate-studies>

e-mail: graduatestudies@alcorn.edu

or contact the departments directly:

Advanced Technology	601-877-6482
Agriculture	601-877-6525
Biology	601-877-6235
Biotechnology	601-877-6198
Business (MBA & MBAO)	601-304-4309
Chemistry	601-877-6436
Computer Sciences	601-877-6430
Education	601-877-6200
English	601-877-6400
Fine Arts	601-877-6261
Health, Physical Education and Recreation	601-877-6507
Mathematics	601-877-6430
Nursing	601-304-4304
Social Sciences	601-877-6411
Science	601-877-6436



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OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The central purpose of Graduate Studies is to provide advanced training of men and women, and the promotion of research that will contribute to knowledge in an atmosphere of freedom and inquiry. Students in the Office of Graduate Studies may work toward the Master of Science in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Agriculture, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Biology, Master of Science in Biotechnology, Master of Science in Computer and Information Science, Master of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology, Master of Science in Workforce Education Leadership, and the Educational Specialist degree in Elementary Education. The graduate program is also geared to meet the professional and in-service needs of persons in agri-business, industry and government in such agencies as the Cooperative Extension Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Rural Development Service, the Agriculture Farm Service Agency, Public Welfare, Public Health Service, and Head Start Programs.

Specific objectives of the Office of Graduate Studies are:

1. To provide a well-developed and coordinated graduate program for qualified students at the master's and specialist degree levels;
2. To provide opportunities to increase and improve research capabilities through training and research experiences;
3. To develop competencies in graduate students that are essential to the successful performance of quality services in their chosen profession;
4. To upgrade the professional certification of elementary, secondary, and community/junior college teachers, and related workers;
5. To encourage and promote scholarship and scholarly research among students and faculty members in the university community.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alcorn State University offers **twelve** graduate degrees: The Master of Science in Education, the Master of Science in Agriculture, the Master of Science in Biology, the Master of Science in Biotechnology, the Master of Science in Nursing, the Master of Science in Computer and Information Sciences, the Master of Business Administration, the Master of Arts in Teaching, the Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology, the Master of Science in Workforce Education Leadership (Joint ASU/MSU Program), and the Educational Specialist in Elementary Education..

The Master of Science in Education degree is designed to lead toward "AA" teacher certification in the following areas:

- I. The Master of Science in Elementary Education with endorsement in the following fields:
 - a. Elementary Education
 - b. Early Childhood Education
 - c. Reading

Secondary Education with endorsement in the following fields:

1. Agricultural Education
2. Biology
3. Chemistry
4. English
5. Mathematics
6. Music
7. Science
8. Social Science

Special Subject Fields (Elementary and Secondary)

- a. Athletic Administration and Coaching
- b. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- c. NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR) Non-Teaching
- d. School Counseling
- e. Special Education: Educationally Disabled
- II. The Master of Arts in Teaching
 - a. Elementary Education
 - b. Secondary Education
- III. Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology
 - a. Computer Systems and Network Technology
 - b. Electrical and Electronics Engineering Technology
 - c. Technology Management
 - d. Geospatial Engineering Technology
 - e. Homeland Security Management
 - f. Radiological Health Science
- IV. The Master of Science in Agriculture with endorsement in the following fields:
 - a. Agricultural Economics
 - b. Agronomy
 - c. Animal Science
- V. The Master of Science in Nursing
 - a. Family Nurse Practitioner
 - b. Nurse Educator
- VI. The Master of Science in Biology
- VII. The Master of Science in Biotechnology
- VIII. The Master of Science in Computer and Information Sciences
- IX. The Master of Business Administration
- X. The Master of Science in Workforce Education Leadership (Joint ASU/MSU Program)
- XI. Master of Arts in History
- XII. Master of Liberal Arts
 - a. Criminal Justice
 - b. English

- c. History
- d. Mass Communication
- e. Music
- f. Political Science

XIII. The Educational Specialist in Elementary Education

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

1. Post Master in Family Nurse Practitioner
2. Post Master in Nurse Educator

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

1. Gifted Education
2. NCAA Compliance and Academic Progress Reporting (APR)

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. A complete application for admission.
2. An official transcript of all academic work on the collegiate level.
3. The results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), or a passing score on C.A.S.E. and Praxis II (as appropriate to the discipline).
4. Two letters (Recommendation Letter forms) of recommendation.
5. Applicants to the Department of Graduate Nursing must submit a) evidence of licensure in Mississippi, b) evidence of malpractice or liability insurance with current identification number, c) a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from an accredited nursing program, d) Resume', and e) a personal statement of professional goals of no more than 500 words.
6. For International students, the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS), evidence of financial support, and an official course-by-course transcript evaluated by a member of National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). And Tuberculosis Screening (Chest X-Ray & Blood Test).
7. An application fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for non-resident of Mississippi (money order Payable to Alcorn State University) must accompany the application.
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.