

Graduate School Guide: Business Majors

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- Some programs require an entry exam, such as the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The CPDC has materials for you in the Lending Library to practice with.
 - Some programs will waive the entry exam depending on your final GPA.
- A personal statement/a statement of purpose is often required as part of your admissions packet.
 - A personal statement highlights significant events, characteristics, and facts about you that don't appear on your application. Purdue University is a strong resource to help navigate you through writing your personal statement/statement of purpose (owl.english.purdue.edu).
- Fellowships/Graduate Assistantships- these terms are interchangeable. They're essentially opportunities working within your field that allow you to gain real world experience while being able to apply theory to practice.
 - Some institutions provide financial assistance for these positions, whether it be tuition reduction, housing, food plan, payment, etc.
- Research any scholarships that are applicable to you to reduce cost.
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