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**CAS Graduate Student Admission Requirements**

**Guidelines**

**College of Arts and Sciences**

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) should adopt a set of harmonized graduate admission requirements across its graduate programs, until university-wide requirements are developed and implemented. The following are the suggested minimum requirements for graduate admission into CAS programs:\*

1. Bachelor degree with Minimum of 2.8 GPA on a 4 point scale. Some departments may require higher GPA and candidates from institutions using other scales will need to present credential equivalency certified by WES or equivalent.
2. Minimum TOEFL score of 520 (or equivalent in computer-based TOEFL), except for 2 tracks in Arabic (Literature and Language) for which English proficiency is not required. Candidates who graduated from an accredited English speaking Institutions of higher education should be exempted from English language requirement. *(There should be a way to list or define these). Exemption is contingent on QU rules.*
3. Passing a personal interview conducted by departmental admission committee. The interview covers:
4. Personal and academic background
5. Motivation
6. Experience
7. Future plans
8. Strengths and weaknesses
9. Original and satisfactory statement of purpose in up to 500 words
10. Two recommendation letters focused on candidate’s character, competencies, and suitability for the program he/she is applying for

*\*Note: Programs reserve the right to select candidates with the best overall qualifications based on all the criteria listed above.*

***Attachments:***

1. Assessment rubric for student applicants to CAS MA/MSc programs
2. Template for Referee Recommendation Letter