

Department of Physics
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Admission and Registration Guide

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Admission Requirements

Admission system of the students regulated by the Unified regulations for postgraduate studies in Saudi universities, and other rules of the department may be applied before the registration on the program.

These requirements detailed continuously by the different articles of the Unified regulations for postgraduate studies in Saudi universities:

Article Twelve

The University Council determines the number of students to be admitted each year for the Graduate studies as per the recommendations of the Council of the Deanship of Graduate Studies and suggestion by Department's and Colleges' Councils.

Article Thirteen

For Admission to the Graduate Studies, the following general requirements should be satisfied:

1. The applicant must be a Saudi national or must have an official scholarship to the Graduate Studies (for non-Saudis)
2. The applicant must have a university degree from a Saudi university or from another recognized university
3. He/she must have a record of good behavior and be medically fit.
4. Recommendation letters should be submitted from two of his/her former professors
5. A no-objection letter from his/her employer is required if the applicant is employees
6. Applicants for doctoral programs must enroll on a full-time basis.

The Council of each university can add any other general requirements as necessary.

Implementing Rules of Article Thirteen:

13-1 The employee applying for the study is obliged to include the approval of his reference to the study in the documents required to join the program.

13-2 The regulations for scholarships are applied to non-Saudi applicants in accordance with Ministry council No. 94, dated 29/3/1431 AH.

Article Fourteen

Admission to a postgraduate diploma requires an undergraduate performance of not less than ‘good’ (C grade).

Implementing Rules of Article Fourteen:

14-1 In addition to what is stated in Article (13) of the conditions for admission, the scientific department sets standards for admission differentiation between students applying for higher diploma programs. The department also ensures that fulfill the admission requirements.

Article Fifteen

Admission to a master’s degree program requires a minimum overall undergraduate performance of ‘very good’ (B). However, the Council of the Deanship of Graduate Studies can waive this condition for ‘upper good (C+)’ given that the undergraduate major GPA is not less than ‘very good’ (B). The Council of the Deanship of Graduate Studies can add other requirements as per the recommendations of the Department Council and the support of the College Council.

Implementing Rules of Article Fifteen:

15-1 In addition to what was stated in Article (13) of the conditions for admission, the scientific department sets standards for admission differentiation between students applying for master's programs. The department also ensures that all admission requirements.

Article Sixteen

Admission to a Doctoral degree program requires a minimum overall performance of at least ‘very good’ (B) in the master’s degree program if this degree is from a university with a letter-grading system. The Council of the Deanship of Graduate Studies Council may add other necessary admission requirements as per the recommendation of the Department Council and the support of the College Council.

Implementing Rules of Article Sixteen:

16-1 In addition to what was stated in Article (13) of the conditions for admission, the scientific department determines criteria for admission differentiation between students applying for doctoral programs. The department also ensures that all admission requirements.

16-2 It is required to accept students who have a master's degree from universities that grant the degree without estimating the approval of the Council of the Deanship of Graduate Studies based on the recommendation of the department and college councils.

Article Seventeen

A graduate student may be admitted to a Master or Doctoral program other than his/her original field of study as per the recommendations of the Councils of Department and the College concerned, together with the approval of the Council of the Deanship of Graduate Studies.

Article Eighteen

The concerned department may require a student in a master's or Doctoral program to take a number of deficiency courses for a maximum period of three semesters with the following considerations:

1. The deficiency courses must be completed at the first attempt with a grade not less than 'good' (C)
2. The cumulative GPA in all deficiency courses must not be less than 'very good' (B)
3. Registration for the intended graduate studies program will not commence until the deficiency courses are passed. The Department concerned may allow the student to enroll in such graduate courses if only one or two deficiency courses remain
4. The time period required for completing the deficiency courses is not considered part of the maximum residency period for the degree in question; and
5. Deficiency courses are not included in the GPA calculation for graduate studies.

Article Nineteen

Admission and registration of graduate students should be conducted through the Deanship of Graduate Studies in coordination with the Deanship of Admission and Registration.

Article Twenty

A student cannot enroll in two graduate programs at the same time.

Useful Links

1. Department web site

https://www.kfu.edu.sa/en/colleges/science/departments/dep_1/pages/about.aspx

2. Deanship of Postgraduate Studies

<https://www.kfu.edu.sa/en/Pages/home.aspx>

3. Unified Regulation for Postgraduate Studies in Saudi universities

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