

Select Graduate Admission Program

The SGA Program is to encourage outstanding undergraduate students with top academic records to remain at WSU for a graduate degree by (1) extending an early offer of admission and support to outstanding candidates, (2) removing financial and other costs associated with regular application, and (3) potentially reducing the total number of combined semesters required to complete the undergraduate/graduate degree (without reducing the credit requirements for either).

Procedure:

- Nominate a select few outstanding undergraduates who are in their junior year of study (with approval of the Graduate School, seniors may be nominated early in their senior year) and who rank in the top 10% of their discipline in your program.
- Forward your nominations to the Graduate School via your graduate advisor or graduate coordinator. Students from the Honors Program should be co-nominated by the Honors College and the respective graduate program.
- Include the following documents with the nomination:
 1. A cover letter from the graduate coordinator (and the Honors College advisor, if appropriate) nominating the student for the SGA program that documents the excellence of the nominee. As a rule-of-thumb, the candidate should be within the top 10% of the graduate admission pool.
 2. Three letters of reference from faculty who know directly of the applicant's academic ability and performance in WSU courses.
 3. A brief statement of purpose from the candidate.
 4. Student's resumé.

The Graduate School will review the candidate's file. If accepted, the student will receive instructions for initiating the transition from undergraduate to graduate status.

Students accepted into this program would be eligible to reserve courses for graduate credit taken in their senior year if their cumulative GPA is greater than 3.0, they have completed 90 undergraduate hours for the first baccalaureate degree, and they are not registered for more than fifteen semester hours in the semester or twelve semester hours in the summer session. Courses reserved for graduate credit are limited to a total of 12 credit hours and are restricted to graded credit hours. A form for reserving graduate credits is available from the Graduate School and filed by the 15th class day of the semester or by the 5th day of the summer session.