



Degree Candidacy Process

Application for Degree Candidacy (upper-division business permission) is a two-step process:

- Submission of the Degree Candidacy Application found at www.ou.edu/biz.
- Completion of the Price College Assessment Test (PCAT). The PCAT consists of two writing components designed to measure your critical thinking and communication skills:
 1. Analysis of an issue (30 minutes allotted)
 2. Analysis of an argument (45 minutes allotted)

Complete the application and PCAT during your last semester of basic business 5 courses* (all options)

In addition to the basic business 5 courses*, the prerequisites for upper division business courses are: ENGL 1213, COMM 1113 or COMM 2613, MATH 2123, ACCT 2123, BC 2813, & B AD 1001 (all options).

Degree Candidacy Options

Option I – Pre-collegiate Performance

Criteria: ACT \geq 27, SAT \geq 1320 (or 1930 with written portion), or top 10% of high school graduating class
To become a degree candidate under this option, you must also:

- Earn a minimum 2.75 OU and Combined retention GPA in the pre-business 5 courses*.
- Earn a minimum 2.50 OU and Combined retention (overall) GPAs.

Option II- Achievement

Criteria: Earn a 3.20 Combined retention GPA in the pre-business 5 courses* and take no more than one of the five courses by transfer (AP, CLEP, and AS credit do not count as transfer work)

To become a degree candidate under this option, you must also:

- Earn a minimum 2.50 OU and Combined retention GPAs in addition to the above criteria.

Option III-Competitive

Criteria: Minimum OU and Combined retention GPAs of 2.50 in the pre-business 5 courses* and overall
(Please note that the minimum GPAs required for consideration may not be competitive)

Process: Applications will be evaluated by the degree candidacy committee and decisions will be made on a competitive basis. *Primary consideration will be given to the student's academic performance.*

Other factors that may be considered for degree candidacy:

- Competitive PCAT scores
- Employment experience
- Campus and community involvement
- Leadership experience
- Pre-collegiate performance (high school ranking and ACT/SAT scores)

***Pre-Business 5 courses:**

ACCT 2113-Financial Accounting, **ECON 1113**-Macro-Economics, **ECON 1123**-Micro-Economics, **ECON 2843**-Elements of Statistics, **MIS 2113**-Computer Based Information Systems