Graduate admission application timeline

**Sophomore year**
*fall, spring and summer*

- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss graduate school
- Explore areas of interest
- Research programs through the Princeton review
- Request faculty research listings

**Junior year**
*fall and spring*

- Gather information regarding specific admission requirements (letters of recommendation, required tests, acceptable scores, portfolio, etc.)
- Consider storing this information in the ‘Grad school comparison worksheet’ to easily compare and contrast institutions
- Read various faculty research publications and email key faculty to let them know of your interest
- Search for sources of financial aid
- Apply for junior summer research fellowships and campus mentor programs
- Take practice GRE/Subject GRE/GMAT/LSAT, etc.

**Junior year**
*summer*

- Take the General GRE/Subject GRE/GMAT/LSAT, etc.
- Request and review university application materials and inquire about required supporting documentation (transcripts, academic plans, letters of recommendation, etc.)
- Check on admission application deadlines
- Participate in summer research fellowships or study abroad begin working on essays and personal statements, if necessary
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- Obtain letters of recommendation, if necessary (try to get them before the fall semester)

**Senior year**
*fall*

- Complete online application
- Apply for departmental financial aid
- Continue correspondence with key faculty
- Check status of your application routinely on the university website to ensure your application is complete
- Contact current graduate students at the university through the ASU Mentor Network and LinkedIn

**Senior year**
*spring*

- Order an official copy of your final transcript (with degree awarded) for your personal file
- Fill out and submit a FAFSA: fafsa.gov
- Apply for external financial aid
- Schedule a campus visit
- Send thank you notes to recommenders and notify them of your enrollment in graduate school

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