Admission Requirements
Doctorate in Philosophy Ph. D
Office of Graduate Affairs

ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES

• Any candidate who applies to the program must have a Bachelor’s degree in Engineering, Science, Management or related areas from an accredited university with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00-4.00.

All applicants must comply with the following requirements:
1. Complete the admission application form.
2. Pay a $50.00 admission fee (non-refundable).
3. Submit an official academic transcript directly from the university where the applicant obtained their Bachelor’s degree, and a graduation certificate that includes the general grade point average* (document not required for alumni of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico). These documents must be sent directly by the institution to the Office of Graduate Affairs of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico to the address at the bottom of this page.
4. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation from a professional or academic source.
5. Submit official results of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). If the GRE has been taken before, the results can’t be more than five (5) years old.
6. Submit an essay stating purpose and research objectives. In this document, the candidate must describe, among others:
   • The reasons why they are applying to the program.
   • Preparation in the area of study.
   • Research interests.
   • Future career plans.
7. Submit updated resume.
Submit a copy of their birth certificate (current format) or valid passport.

Candidates who have completed the above requirements may be invited to an interview with a faculty member from the intended main area of research.

International Applicants with Form I-20

1. Complete the application for admission.
2. Pay a $60.00 admission fee. The application fee is non-refundable and will not be applicable toward the student’s registration charges.
3. Submit an official transcript certified by the educational institution and validated by the Ministry of Education of the applicant’s home country, as well as a U.S.A. academic equivalence certification for the degree obtained from an accredited evaluation firm (World Education Services, Inc.; Educational Evaluation, Inc.; etc.). The academic equivalence certification must include the equivalent U.S.A. degree with a detailed evaluation, course by course, of an official transcript from the educational institution in the candidate’s home country. The document must be sent directly from the institution to the Office of Graduate Affairs of the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico.
4. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation from someone who can attest to the applicant’s preparation and ability to perform at a graduate level.
5. Provide proof of financial capacity: a. Submit a sworn statement from the person who will cover the costs of education, indicating the annual amount assigned for this purpose. b. Submit a copy of the income tax return of the person, residing in U.S. territory that will cover the cost of the studies or, if self-financed, submit a letter from the applicant’s banking institution, certifying availability of funds to cover the studies.
6. Applicants may be required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
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TUITION FEES*

Per credit (Main Area and Complementary Area) ................................................................................................................. $275.00
Per credit for Doctorate courses ................................................................................................................................................ $470.00
General fees ............................................................................................................................................................................... $340.00
ID card (new students) ......................................................................................................................................................... $15.00
Parking (optional) ................................................................................................................................................................. $75.00
Laboratories (if required) ....................................................................................................................................................... $305.00

Most courses are offered Monday to Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Each course is offered once a week, for four (4) hours. Courses are also available online.***

The Office of Graduate Affairs provides counseling, admission, enrollment, and treasury without having to go through the general process of the institution. We are located in 57 Alhambra Street, Hato Rey (first floor of the Student Residences).

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*Tuition and fees are subject to change. **General fees do not apply. ***Online courses may have live attendance requirements, per general institution process.

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