

GRADUATE BULLETIN

GENERAL INFORMATION

MISSION

Ina, Deskubre, Setbe:
To Enlighten, To Discover, To Serve

- The University of Guam is a U.S.-accredited regional land-grant institution. It is dedicated to the search for and dissemination of knowledge, wisdom, and truth.
- The University exists to service its learners and the communities of Guam, Micronesia, and the neighboring regions of the Pacific and Asia.
- The University prepares learners for life by providing the opportunity to acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes, and abilities through the core curriculum, degree programs, research, and outreach.
- At the Pacific crosscurrents of the East and West, the University of Guam provides a unique opportunity to discover and acquire indigenous and global knowledge.

ACCREDITATIONS

The University of Guam, a U.S. land-grant institution, is accredited by the [Western Association of Schools and Colleges \(WASC\) Senior College and University Commission \(WSCUC\)](#), a U.S. regional accrediting body recognized by the Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. The University has been continuously accredited since 1959.

All of UOG's academic programs and its Intensive English Program (a non-degree program) are covered by this accreditation. See www.wascsenior.org and www.uog.edu for more information about WSCUC and the University of Guam.

The Office of Graduate Studies is authorized to accept graduate credits transferred from graduate schools of other colleges and universities accredited by any of the American Regional Accrediting Agencies.

The University also holds the following degree program accreditations:

School of Business & Public Administration

The [Professional Master of Business Administration](#) degree program is accredited by the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE) until 2026. This continues a history of accreditation dating back to 1997.

In December 2014, the [Master of Public Administration](#) degree program was approved for membership under the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA), which is considered the global standard in public service education.

School of Education

The School of Education and all of its degree programs have previously been accredited under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) system. The school is now pursuing accreditation by the Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP).

Additionally, programs provided by the School of Education to prepare candidates for teacher certification in elementary and secondary education are accepted by the Guam Commission on Educator Certification.

INSTITUTIONAL GRADUATE LEARNING OUTCOMES (IGLO)

Upon completion of their degree program, graduate students will:

1. Demonstrate mastery of critical skills, theories, methodologies, and other content knowledge at a level that will enable them to address fundamental questions in their primary area of study;

2. Plan, conduct, and complete a significant research or creative project;
3. Exercise oral and written communication skills sufficient to publish and present work in their field;
4. Adhere to the ethical principles of academia and their respective disciplines in coursework, fieldwork, and other appropriate situations; and
5. Exemplify, through service, the value of their discipline to the academy and the community at large, interacting productively and professionally with people from diverse backgrounds.

LOCATION

The University campus sits on a gently sloping 100-acre site in Mangilao, minutes from Hagåtña and other government and commercial centers. It overlooks Pago Bay and commands a breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean.

LANGUAGE

While English is the primary language of instruction at the University of Guam, the University recognizes English and CHamoru as the official languages of Guam (P.L. 12-132). The University also adheres to spelling and usage conventions developed by the *Kumision I Fino' CHamoru*, which has the duty of establishing agreement on CHamoru orthography and notifying public and private institutions of updates to the language (P.L. 33-236). Courses and coursework may be delivered in *fino' CHamoru* or other modern languages upon the approval of the instructor and dean.

In line with this endeavor, the semester names at the University of Guam are officially the following, in line with the CHamoru terms for the local seasons:

- August to December: *Fanuchånan* ("a time for wet")
- December to January: *Tinalo'* ("in between")
- January to May: *Fañomnåkan* ("a time for sunshine")
- June to August: *Finakpo'* ("the conclusion")