

Tips For A Lower GPA

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How can I improve my chances of being accepted to graduate school if I have a low GPA?

1. Show markedly improved grades during your junior and senior years as an undergraduate.
2. Obtain the highest GRE score possible.
3. Eloquent recommendation letters, especially if the letter writers are Alumni from the graduate program, college, and/or university you are applying to.
4. Successful graduate-level coursework.
5. Gain Relevant work experience;
 - Professors are looking for someone who can share insights with the rest of the graduate cohort.
 - Successful work and/or volunteer experience will set you apart from the rest of the applicants, especially if related to your field of study.
6. Write a thoughtful, creative, and honest personal statement;
 - Admission officers will read your statement looking for the logic of your writing and thinking.
 - Clearly explain the reason for wanting to earn an advanced degree.
 - Logically explain your reasons for wanting to attend their program.
 - Accentuate positive, personal growth, and maturity.
7. Supplemental Essay;
 - Another opportunity to explain and overcome your low GPA.
8. Apply to schools without GPA requirements.
 - Holistic admission policy.
 - Not focused solely on your GPA or scores.
 - They weigh the whole application before deciding.
9. Doctoral hopefuls who are not “A” students should do the following;
 - Significant writing, research, and presenting during your junior and senior undergraduate years.
 - Develop your research interests and identify some questions you want to address.