

Policies & Regulations

We don't expect our students to fit the mold. In fact, we want to help them break it.

ADMISSIONS

FIDM Students are unique. That's why we take all of the individual achievements and qualifications of our applicants into consideration. While some FIDM candidates are recent high school graduates, others have previously received an Associate of Arts or a Bachelor's Degree from another school. Many potential students decide to attend FIDM after years in another industry, while those with experience in our key industries come to FIDM for additional training to further their careers. Whatever candidates' educational and professional backgrounds, they can be assured that they will be considered on their own merit by our Admissions Department. Because diversity only adds to the creative environment we're passionate about at FIDM.

To help us better understand applicants' motivations for attending FIDM, we ask that they submit assets to help us determine their individual eligibility. Candidacy for admission to all Associate of Arts, Professional Designation, and Associate of Arts Advanced Study Programs is based on an initial application and satisfaction of the following requirements:

- 1. Submission of high school/secondary school transcript(s) and, if applicable, all college/university transcript(s).**

All candidates must possess or be a candidate for a high school/secondary school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED). Applicants not meeting these criteria should refer to the Ability to Benefit section of this catalog.

- 2. Submission of three recommendations from professionals such as faculty, counselors, school administrators, or employers.**

- 3. Admissions Process.**

Whenever possible, campus visits and personal interviews are encouraged for all candidates. However, out-of-state students may interview by telephone and international students may apply through the mail (see application at the back of this catalog). Students may also apply online at www.FIDM.edu.

- 4. Submission of portfolio requirement for certain majors. Contact the Office of Admissions or access portfolio requirements at www.FIDM.edu.**

- 5. Submission of initial \$25.00 application fee.**

This non-refundable fee is applied toward the final application fee at the time of enrollment.

Addresses and phone numbers of all FIDM campuses are listed in the back of this catalog. Applications may also be submitted online at www.FIDM.edu.

Admission to Associate of Arts Advanced Study Degree Programs

Limited to candidates who possess a prior FIDM degree in a related discipline.

Admission to Associate of Arts Professional Designation Degree Programs

Limited to candidates who have a U.S. accredited degree and wish to add a new field of specialization. Information about specific prerequisite coursework and approved professional experience may be obtained from the Office of Admissions.

Admission to Bachelor of Science Business Management Degree Program

Admission is limited to graduates who have a prior FIDM Associate of Arts degree and have demonstrated a strong academic performance. Formal application process includes: admissions essay; recommendations from professionals such as faculty, staff, or employers; and interview with the Department Chairperson.

Out-of-State Admissions

Students residing outside of the State of California may waive the requirement of a personal interview by contacting an out-of-state Admissions Advisor (by telephone, in writing, or online) to arrange for a telephone interview. An additional \$200 application fee is due prior to acceptance.

International Student Admissions

International students may apply online at www.FIDM.edu. The following additional requirements may need to be satisfied by international students:

- 1. ESL classes** — FIDM is a professionally oriented college and currently offers an ESL course entitled Developmental Writing (GNST 0360).



Kimberly Jones, Alumna Association member, speaks at the Alumna Association's Sponsored Graduation Dinner.



FIDM grads celebrate their accomplishments