

MAI Designation Requirements for General Candidates for Designation

For full requirement details, please refer to [Regulation No. 1](#)

General Candidacy	Required to have a general state certification (or equivalent) to be approved for the general Candidate program, OR complete all general certification exams and/or course exams through Appraisal Institute
Good Moral Character	The general Candidate must have good moral character
Begin	Enter General Candidate for Designation Program
1.	<p>Standards and Ethics Requirement* (must be completed within first year of Candidacy unless readmitting) Provide proof of your most current USPAP** completion certificate, and; Required to complete the Appraisal Institute Business Practices and Ethics course</p> <p>*For those readmitting to Appraisal Institute Standards and Ethics requirements must be completed before readmitting to the Appraisal Institute **Candidates who practice solely outside the United States may take the International Valuation Standards course instead of the USPAP course</p>
2.	<p>College Degree Requirement A general Candidate must have received at least a four (4) year Bachelors Degree from an accredited degree-granting educational institution or alternative (see end of document for applicable alternatives that expire on 12/31/13)</p>
3.	Attend course and pass exam for General Appraiser Report Writing & Case Studies
4.	<p>Pass exam for Advanced Income Capitalization NEW! Live online courses coming soon! Challenge Exam Application (w/out completing course)</p>

5.	<p>Pass exam for Advanced Market Analysis & HBU NEW! Live online course click here (October 2013) NEW! Live online course click here (December 2013) Challenge Exam Application (w/out completing course)</p>
6.	<p>Pass exam for Advanced Concepts & Case Studies Challenge Exam Application (w/out completing course)</p>
7.	<p>Pass exam for Quantitative Analysis</p>
8.	<p>Pass General Comprehensive Examination all education + college degree must be completed prior to sitting for this exam</p>
9.	<p>Specialized Experience Requirement Must receive credit for 4,500 hours of specialized work</p>
10.	<p>General Demonstration of Knowledge Requirement</p>
11.	<p>MAI Membership Application Submit final application for approval once all requirements above are completed and credit is received</p>
Complete	General Candidate Program Completed (within 4 years or less)

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Length of General Candidacy

Minimum Length of General Candidacy

Before applying for admission to MAI designated membership, an individual must have: been a general Candidate and/or Associate Member in good standing for a period of at least twelve (12) continuous months prior to filing the application for designation. If the individual already holds an Appraisal Institute designation the twelve (12) month general Candidacy requirement shall be waived.

Maximum Length of General Candidacy

Except where otherwise provided, a general Candidate must complete the requirements for MAI designated membership within four (4) years from the date of admission to general Candidacy. For individuals who were Associate Members as of December 31, 2012, became general Candidates effective January 1, 2013 and have maintained continuous general Candidacy since that date, the [Candidate Policy Manual](#) provides time requirements for completing MAI membership requirements.

If a general Candidate fails to complete the requirements for MAI designated membership within the required period, such individual may not renew general Candidacy for a period of one (1) year from the date the individual's previous Candidacy was terminated.

Minimum Progress

General Candidates must demonstrate minimum progress each year on the requirements for MAI designated membership. Such minimum progress shall be defined by the ADQC. If a general Candidate fails to complete the requirements for MAI membership within the required period or fails to demonstrate minimum progress as defined by the ADQC, such individual may not renew general Candidacy for a period of one (1) year from the date the individual's previous Candidacy was terminated. Please refer to the [Candidate Policy Manual](#) for recommended steps to complete required minimum progress.

College Degree Alternative for the General Candidate Program

The following alternatives are available for general Candidates who do not have an Associate's Degree or higher. If a general Candidate chooses to use one of these options **the alternative must be completed by December 31, 2013.**

1. **Non-Degree Coursework Plus Additional Specialized Experience Alternative:** A general Candidate may submit an Associates degree **or** 30 credit semester hours of specific college/university education, **PLUS** an additional 1,500 hours of specialized experience (over at least one year).

Specific courses include: English Composition, Micro AND Macro Economics, Finance, Algebra/Geometry (or higher math), Statistics, Computer Science, Business Law OR Real Estate Law, and two elective courses in either accounting, geography, agricultural economics, business management, or real estate. After credit is received for the Associates Degree or 30 credit hours, an [Application and Criteria for Specialized Experience College Degree Alternative 1500hrs](#) may be submitted.

2. **GMAT Alternative:** A general Candidate for Designation may achieve a **500** on the GMAT and submit the pass/score sheet for college degree alternative credit to admissions@appraisalinstitute.org. For more information on the GMAT, please see: <http://www.mba.com/mba/TaketheGMAT>.