Early Entry

Get a Jump on Your Graduate Education

In those programs offering this outstanding opportunity undergraduate students can get a head start on their graduate degree.

Exceptional **undergraduate** students attending UNC Charlotte can begin work toward their graduate degree **before** completion of their baccalaureate degree.
Benefits

• Early Entry students will have provisional acceptance to the graduate program, pending the award of the baccalaureate degree, generally within two semesters.

• Some early-entry programs are also accelerated. Under this model, up to twelve hours earned at the graduate level may be substituted for required undergraduate hours. In other words, up to twelve hours of graduate work may be "double-counted" toward both the baccalaureate and graduate degrees. Individual programs may allow additional hours at the graduate level to be substituted. In no case may more than 12 hours be double-counted.

• Beginning with the 2013 Fall semester, Early Entry students will be charged undergraduate tuition and fees for all courses (graduate and undergraduate) for which they register. Upon completion of the baccalaureate degree, students will be charged graduate tuition and fees.
Requirements

• To be considered for Early Entry admission, a student must complete and submit an application via the Graduate School's admissions system, https://mygradschool.uncc.edu, and supply supporting documents.

• A student may be accepted at any time after completion of 75 or more hours of undergraduate course work, although it is expected that close to 90 hours of undergraduate course work will have been earned by the time the first graduate course is taken.

• A student must have at least a 3.2 overall GPA.

• Taken and earned an acceptable score on the appropriate graduate standardized test.
Requirements Cont’d.

• Once admitted, a student must complete an Early-Entry Program Form and have it approved by both the Graduate Program Director and the Graduate School. Failure to obtain prior Graduate School approval negates a student's ability to "double-count" courses in an accelerated Early Entry program.

• Note: A given graduate program may have more rigorous admissions criteria.

• If an early-entry student has not met the normal admission requirements of a 3.0 GPA at the end of his/her baccalaureate degree, she/he will be dismissed from the graduate program. Students accepted into an early-entry program will be subject to the same policies that pertain to other matriculated graduate students. Generally, it will be assumed that early-entry students will finish their baccalaureate degrees before they complete 15 hours of graduate work (two semesters not including summer terms).

• Students must be enrolled at UNC Charlotte.