

Early Entry Graduate Degree Program Application

Department: _____ Philosophy _____

Program (degree and major): _____ MA in Ethics and Applied Philosophy _____

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On behalf of the department named above, I hereby request permission to implement an [Early Entry Graduate Program](#) so that exceptional UNC Charlotte undergraduate students may begin work toward a graduate degree before completion of the baccalaureate degree. Based on the [published guidelines](#) for the Early Entry Program, the program summary and our criteria for admission and continued enrollment are the following:

Program Summary

1. The Early Entry Program is accelerated in which up to 6 hours (*normally 6 but no more than 12*) earned at the graduate level may be substituted for required undergraduate hours. In other words, up to 6 hours of graduate work may be "double counted" toward both the baccalaureate and graduate degrees.
2. Students admitted to the Early Entry Program may only be considered for a graduate assistantship after they complete the baccalaureate degree. Students admitted to an Early Entry Program pay UNDERgraduate fees and UNDERgraduate tuition for all courses (*graduate and undergraduate*) for which they register.

Admission Requirements

1. A student may be accepted into the Early Entry Program at any time after completion of 75 (*minimum 75*) semester hours of undergraduate work applicable to the appropriate degree although it is expected that at least 90 hours will have been earned by the time the first graduate course is taken.
2. The application process and all required documentation (e.g., test scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation) are the same for early entry students as for other applicants to the program.
3. To be accepted into the Early Entry Program an undergraduate student must have at least a 3.2 cumulative undergraduate grade point average.
4. Admission must be recommended by (a) the Graduate Program Director responsible for reviewing applications and (b) the Graduate School.

Continued Enrollment Requirements

1. A student admitted to the Early Entry Program must provide a completed [Early Entry Program Form](#) to the Graduate School for approval prior to registering for graduate course work.
2. Admission to an Early Entry Program is limited to two semesters pending the award of the undergraduate degree.
3. Early entry students must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate grade point average while enrolled in the Early Entry Program. Students who do not meet the normal admission requirements of a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA at the end of his/her baccalaureate degree will be dismissed from the graduate program.
4. Students accepted to the Early Entry Program will be subject to the same policies that pertain to other matriculated graduate students. Early entry students must complete their baccalaureate degrees before they complete 15 hours of graduate work.