

Application for an Early-Entry Graduate Degree Program.

This is a revision of the current program.

On behalf of the Department of __LTAM__, we would like to submit our request for the implementation of the Early-Entry Graduate Program in _LTAM. Exceptional undergraduate students may be accepted into the master's of ____LTAM or the _____N/A doctoral program (select one) and begin work toward a graduate degree before completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Based on the published guidelines for the Early-Entry program our criteria for admission are the following:

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. Admission must be recommended by the Department of _LTAM and approved by the Graduate School. The admission status will be "provisional" and limited to two semesters pending the award of the undergraduate degree.
3. To be accepted into this program an undergraduate student must have at least a 3.2 overall GPA and a minimum 3.0 GPA in the department of ____LTAM.
4. If an early-entry student has not met the normal admission requirements of a 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA at the end of his/her baccalaureate degree, she/he will be dismissed from the graduate program.
5. Students accepted into an early-entry program will be subject to the same policies that pertain to other matriculated graduate students. Early-entry students must finish their baccalaureate degrees before they complete 15 hours of graduate work.
6. A student admitted into the early entry program must provide a completed Early-Entry Program Form to the Graduate School for approval before the student begins the early entry graduate course work.
7. This early-entry program is also accelerated in which up to _09__ 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 _09__ hours of graduate work may be "double counted" toward both the baccalaureate and graduate degrees.
8. Students admitted to an early-entry program are not eligible to hold a graduate assistantship since they have not completed a baccalaureate degree. Students admitted into an early-entry program pay graduate fees and graduate tuition for all courses (graduate and undergraduate) for which they register.