

Accelerated B.A. to M.A. Degree Program in Geography

Application and Admission

Qualified UNCG undergraduate students who are pursuing the B.A. in Geography may apply for admission to the Accelerated Degree Program (<http://uncg.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2013-2014/Graduate-Bulletin/Application-Admission-and-Registration/Applying-for-Admission>). A cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5 based on at least 30 hours earned at UNCG is required. Applicants must have completed at least 60 semester credits and may not apply for admission to the ADP before the first semester of the junior year. Applicants will not be required to take the GRE. All applicants must submit the [Request for Accelerated Degree Program](#) to The Graduate School and must simultaneously apply for admission to the graduate degree program.

Admitted students may apply the following maximum of 12 credits of graduate-level coursework (each course carries 3 credits) toward completion of both the undergraduate and graduate degree, provided that they earn a grade of “B” (3.0) or better in each course and fulfill graduate-level requirements:

GEO 502 Urban Planning
GEO 504 Political Geography
GEO 510 Biogeography
GEO 511 Advanced Weather and Climate—Synoptic Climatology
GEO 522 Geography of Livable Cities
GEO 557 Advanced Cartography
GEO 559 Advanced Remote Sensing—Imaging
GEO 560 Seminar in Regional Geography
GEO 570 Applied Physical Geography

Degree Requirements

Please consult with an advisor to determine how the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in the bachelor’s degree program. All degree requirements for the B.A. and M.A. degree in Geography remain the same.

Admission Procedure

The student must apply for admission to the ADP through The Graduate School. This admission, if approved, will include admission to the graduate degree granting academic unit after the baccalaureate degree is awarded. After admission into the ADP, the student will be identified as having ADP status through a student group within the records management system.

International students who are admitted into the ADP will work with The Graduate School and the Office of International Affairs in order to apply for a visa extension.

Academic Advising and Records

Academic units that want to participate in the ADP will develop a clear admissions and advising process for the ADP. The academic unit will send an admitted student a letter listing both the undergraduate and graduate courses from which he or she may compose a program of study. A copy of this letter will be placed in the student's graduate record and will be provided to the student's undergraduate school/college.

To avoid losing eligibility for financial aid as an undergraduate student, ADP students should work with their advisers and develop individual graduation plans showing that the courses taken at the graduate level will meet requirements in their bachelor degree program.

Program Requirements

A student admitted into the ADP will complete up to twelve graduate credit hours that can be applied toward the undergraduate degree during the second-semester junior and senior year. Following admission to the graduate program, those courses may be transferred into a graduate program. While an undergraduate, the student must enroll for graduate credit but will pay the appropriate undergraduate tuition for the specified graduate courses. Differential tuition fees will apply for those courses in programs that have been approved for these special fees.

Only courses in which a "B" or above have been earned will be transferred into the graduate program of study. Students who complete the undergraduate degree may claim their status as graduate students (with the appropriate graduate credit) in the next semester or session after receiving the bachelor's degree. Students who have completed the ADP will have it noted on their transcript as part of their concentration code.

Admission to the ADP is a promise of formal admission to the Graduate School and the academic unit after completion of the bachelor's degree. Students will not be required to take the GRE or other entrance examination unless stipulated by the department for the ADP. ADP students will still be considered undergraduate students until the baccalaureate degree is officially awarded. At that time, those students will be formally admitted into the Graduate School, and the credits will then be moved from their undergraduate career into their graduate career.

