

# Combined Bachelor's and Graduate Degree Programs Requirements, Instructions, and Plan of Study

## Combined Degree Program Options

- **Accelerated Option** – Permits upper-level undergraduate student conditional acceptance to graduate programs and allows sharing of 6-12 credit hours toward both the bachelor and graduate degrees.
- **Early Entry Option** – Permits undergraduate students to complete graduate-level coursework but not share credit toward more than one degree.

## Eligibility

SIUE undergraduate students who meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Maintain minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Be within 32 credit hours of bachelor's degree completion at intended entry term
- Fulfill any additional graduate program-specific requirements

## How to Apply

1. Submit a Graduate Admission Application within the SIUE Application Center at [www.siu.edu/apply](http://www.siu.edu/apply). Apply to the term in which you plan to begin the Combined Bachelor's and Graduate Degree option.
2. Submit the completed and approved Combined Degree Option Application and Plan of Study within the SIUE Application Center to fulfill the admission requirement.
3. Submit all other required graduate admission application materials and pay the graduate application fee.

## Program Requirements and Restrictions

- Bachelor's degree completion is required within one academic year from admission to this program.
- Students retain undergraduate status until the bachelor's degree is awarded.
- Undergraduate courses will count in the undergraduate hours and GPA only.
- Graduate courses will count in the graduate hours and GPA only (*including shared credit courses*)
- At least 50% of the graduate program must be completed with 500-level courses or higher.
- 400-level courses must be approved for graduate credit (see [Graduate Catalog](#)).
- Undergraduate credit (100-300 level) cannot satisfy graduate degree requirements.
- No graduate degree will be conferred prior to completion of the bachelor's degree.
- Graduate School Dean approval is required for graduate degree substitutions or waivers

### Accelerated Option

- No less than 6 hours and no more than 12 hours may be completed from the approved list of courses in the department's section of the Graduate Catalog to satisfy both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.
- No independent readings, directed research, practicum, or other similar courses are permitted.

### Early Entry Option

- Courses numbered higher than 400-level apply to graduate degree only.
- Approved 400-level classes can apply to either the undergraduate or graduate degree. No course will fulfill the requirements of both degrees.

## Tuition and Financial Aid

Students are charged undergraduate tuition and fees and remain eligible for undergraduate financial aid, scholarships and awards. However, when approved for admission to the combined degrees program, students are eligible for graduate assistantships and other [Graduate School](#) sponsored programs.

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 Student's Printed Name

800-\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student ID Number

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 Cumulative Hours

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Cumulative GPA

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 Proposed Graduate Major

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Undergraduate Major

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 Current Undergraduate Advisor's Printed Name

**Application and Plan of Study** (check one):

- Initial submission or  Revised plan of study

**Requested combined degree option** (check one, refer to catalog for availability and requirements):

- Early Entry Option.** Permits certain 400-level classes to apply to either the undergraduate degree or graduate degree but not both degrees. Credit above 400-level applies to graduate degree only.
- Accelerated Option.** Permits graduate classes numbered 400-level and above to satisfy both degree requirements. Shared credit classes receive graduate-level credit and count toward graduate GPA only; therefore, shared classes must be manually included in bachelor's degree requirement audits. Only undergraduate-level credit will count in the undergraduate hours and GPA.

List below or attach a separate sheet of all credit affected while in this limited one-year program.

Term/Year	Courses (Subject & Course #)	Early Entry Option (select one)		Accelerated Option
		Bachelor's Degree	Master's Degree	Both Bachelor's and Master's Degree

Student's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Advisor's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Advisor's Signature and Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit completed form with your Graduate Admission Application ([siue.edu/apply](http://siue.edu/apply))**