



Instructions for Completing Form GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The deadline to submit GS6 forms is the first day of class each term.

Current seniors at Clemson University may be eligible for a Combined Bachelor-to-Graduate Plan. Depending upon individual program offerings, a combined plan may be either a *bachelor's-to-master's* track or a *bachelor's-to-doctoral* track, reducing the time required to complete both degrees.

Students use **Form GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate** to request participation in a combined degree plan. Under this plan, students may reduce the time necessary to earn both a bachelor's and master's/doctoral degree by applying graduate credits to both undergraduate and graduate program requirements.

*Please note that Clemson University hosts several Ph.D. programs that qualify as "direct entry" — that is, students who already hold a bachelor's degree (from any institution) may apply directly to select doctoral programs with no master's degree prerequisite. Ph.D. programs which have no undergrad/graduate coursework overlap are **not** considered Bachelor-to-Graduate, and the GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate form should **not** be used for them. To pursue a no-master's-required Ph.D., applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree should follow the normal Graduate School application procedure.*

To be eligible for a Bachelor-to-Graduate plan, students must have completed their bachelor's curriculum through their junior year (minimum 90 credits) and have a minimum overall grade point ratio of 3.4. All the following conditions apply:

1. A maximum of 12 credit hours of graduate courses may be applied to the bachelor's program.
2. The total credit hours taken for the bachelor's and master's must be at least 150 unique credit hours; that is, the credit hours counted towards the bachelor's degree plus the credit hours taken after the bachelor's is awarded must total at least 150. For the bachelor's and Ph.D., the total must be 180 unique credit hours.
3. Thesis/dissertation credits are not permitted until the student has advanced to graduate status and has assembled an advisory committee.
4. The total course workload for an undergraduate student in any semester that includes a graduate-level course must not exceed 19 hours.
5. As determined by the participating bachelor's program, 7000 or 8000-level courses may be substituted for required undergraduate courses and 6000, 7000 or 8000-level courses may be applied to the bachelor's degree as electives or technical electives.
6. Under no circumstances may 6000-level counterparts of 4000-level courses **required** for the bachelor's degree be counted toward graduate degree requirements.

Combined Bachelor's-to-Graduate Plan students are not eligible for graduate appointments for financial aid until their bachelor's degrees have been awarded. Seniors should consult both their undergraduate academic advisor and the graduate program coordinator of the program they wish to pursue. **Undergraduate students with financial aid** (loans, grants, and/or scholarships) participating in this program should reach out to the [Office of Student Financial Aid](#) prior to registering for their combined program courses. Undergraduate financial aid will only be applied to the bill if students enroll in the correct number of hours for undergraduate courses, not a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses.

Note: Because the GRE exam is a tool used to facilitate admission decisions, the GRE requirement for admissions is eliminated for all students who are approved via **Form GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate** to pursue graduate degree programs. Full admittance to the graduate program will occur the academic term following receipt of the bachelor's degree.

Procedure for students:

Prior to registration in any graduate course, fill out the top portion of the **GS6 — Bachelor-to-Graduate** form, including all course information. Get approval in the form of signatures from:

- undergraduate advisor,
- department chair, and
- coordinator of the graduate program

Then email the form to Scott Phillips, sphill8@clemson.edu (or use the Submit button below) for approval and signature from the Graduate School.

Students should consult their individual academic units for specific requirements.

Departments wishing to require additional support materials should include them in the student's plan of study.

This form allows digital signatures and submission as an email attachment by clicking the submit button.

*To use these interactive features, **save this form to your device and open it in Acrobat Reader**, rather than completing it with your browser's PDF extension.*

SUBMIT

If you prefer to submit a paper copy, return this completed form to **The Graduate School**, E-106 Martin Hall, Clemson main campus.

GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate — Request for Combined Education Plan

A. Applicant: Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ XID#: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone number: _____

B. Qualifications:

Cumulative undergraduate credits: _____ (min. 90 semester hrs.) Overall GPA: _____ (min. 3.40)

C. Undergraduate program: Department: _____

Major: _____ Degree: _____

Expected date of completion: _____

D. Proposed graduate program: Department: _____

Major: _____ Degree: _____

Expected start term of full-time Graduate School enrollment: _____

Site/campus where program is based: _____

E. Graduate courses approved for dual use in undergraduate and graduate programs:

Graduate course CRN#	Graduate course	Credits	Lab component? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Term <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer I <input type="checkbox"/> Summer II <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Year: _____	In lieu of which undergraduate course?	Count toward undergrad degree as <input type="checkbox"/> Requisite <input type="checkbox"/> Elective	Count toward graduate degree only <input type="checkbox"/>
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NOTE: Upon approval by the Graduate School, the course(s) will be updated into your schedule for the current registration period. If you change the course(s) for dual use in the undergraduate and graduate programs, an updated GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate is required. This form must be submitted for each term the undergraduate student enrolls in graduate courses, with an updated list of graduate courses. Form GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate should not be submitted more than one week prior to registration for the term.

F. Approval signatures *[To use the digital signature feature, save this form to your device, then open and complete it in Acrobat Reader]*

STUDENT Signature Printed name Date

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISOR Signature Printed name Date

DEPARTMENT CHAIR Signature Printed name Date

GRADUATE COORDINATOR Signature Printed name Date

GRADUATE SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER Signature Printed name Date