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Early Admission of NIU Undergraduates

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Admission to Accelerated Baccalaureate/ Master's Degree Programs

Accelerated baccalaureate/master's degree programs allow advanced undergraduate students at NIU to enroll in up to 18 credits of graduate course work, some or all of which may be applied to a baccalaureate degree with the consent of the student's undergraduate adviser. NIU undergraduate students may apply to enter an accelerated program once they have achieved 90 hours of credit and a 3.00 GPA. Check with individual departments for specific requirements.

Application for early admission is made through the Graduate School. No student may enroll more than three terms in an accelerated program without completing all requirements for the baccalaureate degree. If a student is granted early admission and fails to graduate from the baccalaureate program at the end of the third term, admission to the Graduate School will be terminated until baccalaureate degree requirements are met.

Students receiving admission to accelerated programs are ineligible to receive graduate assistantships or graduate tuition waivers until they have received a baccalaureate degree. Their eligibility to receive financial aid and scholarships may be adversely affected by early admission. Students admitted to an accelerated program are admonished to consult a financial aid or scholarship counselor prior to enrolling in graduate level courses.

Accelerated baccalaureate/master's degree programs are available in the following majors:

Electrical Engineering
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Political Science
Public Administration
Sociology

Descriptions of program and admission requirements for these programs are available in the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

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~~Undergraduates in Courses for Graduate Credit~~

~~Seniors in their final semester at NIU who want to take courses for graduate credit (any 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses) must apply for and receive early admission to the Graduate School, which requires the same documents and approvals as regular admission. No student may enroll more than one term under early admission status. (See “Early Admission of NIU Undergraduates to the Graduate School.”) Exceptions to these limitations may be granted to students to take courses in the department administering the accelerated degree program.~~

Undergraduates in Graduate Courses for Undergraduate Credit

Northern Illinois University undergraduate students may complete a maximum of 6 semester hours of graduate-level course work for undergraduate credit, if they have completed 90 semester hours of credit towards their baccalaureate degree with a GPA of at least 3.00 or have previously completed a baccalaureate degree. They must also obtain, in advance, written approval from the instructor, **the chair of the department offering the course**, and from the office of the dean of the [Graduate School](#) to enroll in the course for undergraduate credit. ~~In addition, for a 600- or 700-level course, the approval of the department offering the course is required.~~