

Undergraduate Students Enrolling in Graduate Courses

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Can I register on my own for a graduate course if I am an undergraduate student?

No. Undergraduate students cannot self-register for a graduate-level course without approval. You must complete the Permission to Enroll in a Graduate Course form or be admitted to a combined bachelor's/master's degree program.

2. If I decide later to go to graduate school, can I use the graduate class I took as an undergraduate student towards my program?

It is up to your graduate program's discretion as to whether you may use the course toward your graduate program.

3. What is the difference between this policy and the combined bachelor's/master's degree program?

A combined bachelor's/master's degree program is for undergraduate students who complete the full application and admission process to a master's degree to be able to take graduate courses and have them apply toward both degrees. In contrast, this policy allows undergraduate students to take graduate-level courses without having to be admitted to a graduate degree.

4. Do I have to achieve a minimum grade for the graduate course to apply towards my undergraduate degree?

The same grade requirements that are needed for your undergraduate degree will apply towards the graduate course(s) you plan to take. For example, if your program requires a minimum C grade in all courses, you will need to earn a minimum C grade for the graduate course to apply toward your program.

5. Do I have to achieve a minimum grade for the graduate course to apply towards a future graduate degree?

You must earn a minimum C grade in all graduate courses to have it applied toward a graduate program. Some programs require higher grades. You can see the program requirements in the University catalog and should consult the graduate program coordinator for more information.