CLEMSON
GRADUATE SCHOOL

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate*

Print these instructions for further reference.

Current seniors at Clemson University may be eligible for a Combined Bachelor's-to-Graduate Plan. Depending upon individual program offerings, a combined plan may be either of these options:

- Bachelor's to master's, reducing the time required to complete both degrees, or
- Bachelor's to doctoral, "direct entry," with no master's-level degree required.

Students use **Form GS6-Bachelor-to-Graduate** to request participation in either type of 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. Students who hold a bachelor's degree from another institution and who wish to enroll directly in a Clemson doctoral program should *not* use this form.

To be eligible for this 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 of 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 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 PhD, the total must be 180 credit hours.
3. This total may contain a maximum of 6 credit hours of thesis/dissertation research, and all credit hours to be included in the total that are completed after receiving the bachelor's degree must be in 6000-level or higher courses.
4. The total course workload for an undergraduate student in any semester that includes a graduate-level course must not exceed 18 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. Students who receive financial aid should check with the Office of Student Financial Aid (finaid@clemson.edu) regarding their eligibility for continued assistance while pursuing Combined Bachelor's-to-Graduate Plan credit hours.

Note: As 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.

Approval is required by the student's undergraduate advisor, department chair, coordinator of the graduate program, and 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.

Return this form to **Graduate Admissions**, E-209 Martin Hall.

* *Previously called Form **GS6BS/MS**, this form has been updated to clarify its intended use for the array of Bachelor's to Graduate plans offered by Clemson programs.*

GS6-BACHELOR-TO-GRADUATE — REQUEST FOR COMBINED EDUCATION PLAN

A. Applicant:

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ XID#: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail: _____

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: _____

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

Graduate course CRN #	Graduate course	Credits	Lab component?	Term	In lieu of which undergraduate course?	Course counted toward undergraduate degree as
			☐ Y ☐ N	☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II ☐ Fall _____ (yr)		☐ Requisite ☐ Elective
			☐ Y ☐ N	☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II ☐ Fall _____ (yr)		☐ Requisite ☐ Elective
			☐ Y ☐ N	☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II ☐ Fall _____ (yr)		☐ Requisite ☐ Elective
			☐ Y ☐ N	☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II ☐ Fall _____ (yr)		☐ Requisite ☐ Elective
			☐ Y ☐ N	☐ Spring ☐ Summer I ☐ Summer II ☐ Fall _____ (yr)		☐ Requisite ☐ Elective

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:

_____   _____   _____
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

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