

APPLICATION
Accelerated Bachelor's - Master's Program

The application form should be accompanied by the following:

1. Statement of purpose explaining motivation for graduate study.
2. Unofficial UDC transcript.
3. Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the department faculty.

Student Information

Student ID Number _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Email Address _____ Cell phone _____

Undergraduate Program

Graduate Program

Degree/Major _____ Intended Graduate Program – Degree/Major _____
 Credits earned: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____
 (Min. 80) (Min. 3.2)

 B.S. Program Expected Completion Date _____

Graduate Courses approved for ABM program.

Course Registration Number (CRN)	Graduate Course (Subj Number)	Graduate Course Title	Credit Hrs	Term (Fall 20XX) (Spring 20XX)	Substitutes for undergraduate course (Subj Number)

Student signature _____ **Date** _____

Approvals

Faculty Advisor: Signature _____ Date _____
 Department Chair Signature _____ Date _____
 Graduate Program Director Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE:

Approval to the ABM does not guarantee admittance to the graduate degree program. Students must apply for admission and submit all required documents to be considered for admission to the MS degree program.

Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Program

In our highly technical and globally competitive society, a Master's degree is frequently viewed as the "working degree" for many engineers and computer science graduates. The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences offers an accelerated path between its Bachelor's and Master's degree programs called the Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's (ABM) program which affords outstanding undergraduate students the opportunity to complete the requirements for both the bachelor's and master's degrees at an accelerated pace, typically within five years. Undergraduate engineering and computer science students admitted to the ABM program may take up to 9 graduate-level technical elective credits for engineering majors prior to admission to the Master's program. A minimum grade of B is required in these graduate-level courses which will be counted towards both the bachelor's and master's degree requirements. The courses must be recommended by the student's academic advisor and approved by the chair of the department. Permission to pursue the ABM path does not guarantee admission to the Master's degree program. Admission is contingent on meeting all eligibility requirements at the time of application to the graduate program. Graduate courses taken prior to admission to the Master's program will be designated as applicable to the graduate program of study after the student receives the bachelor's degree and enrolls in the graduate program.

Application for Approval Admission

Undergraduate students will generally apply for the accelerated program at the beginning of the second semester of their junior year. Students applying for entry into the ABM degree program must meet the following criteria at the time of submitting an application:

- At least Junior standing in the degree program;
- A minimum of 80 semester credit hours (70 credit hours for Civil Engineering majors) completed (typically at the end of the fifth semester of undergraduate study) including nine credits of 300-level coursework required by the undergraduate program;
- A cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher; and
- If a transfer student, must have completed a minimum of two semesters as a full-time student at UDC—a minimum of 30 hours.

Application materials to the accelerated BS/MS program includes:

- a) Completed application form;
- b) Statement of purpose explaining motivation for graduate study;
- c) Unofficial UDC transcript;
- d) Two letters of recommendation, one two of which must be from the department faculty; and
- e) Approved program of study.

Nomination

Students may be admitted to the ABM program via a nomination process.

- A faculty member may nominate a student, in his/her department, with a cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.2.
- A memo of nomination, with justification, must be submitted for consideration of the candidate.
- The candidate must submit the required application information.

Continuation in the Program

The student must maintain a GPA of at least 3.2 for all undergraduate courses taken, and a GPA of at least 3.0 in all graduate courses taken in order to remain in good standing in the program. If a student's GPA drops below 3.2, the student will be placed on academic probation within the program for one semester. If the student raises their GPA to 3.2 or higher, he or she will be removed from probation and restored to good standing. If after one semester the student is not able to raise the GPA to 3.2, she/he will be withdrawn from the ABM program.

Opt-Out Option

A student may withdraw at any time from the ABM program, by informing the department chair in writing. A student who either desires to withdraw or is denied continuation in the ABM program will be able to complete the traditional BS degree program. The graduate courses taken may be counted as technical electives towards the BS degree. Graduate course credits used for the undergraduate degree program may not be used toward the graduate degree at a later date. It is important to note that permission to pursue the ABM path does not guarantee an admission to the Master's degree program. Admission is contingent on meeting all eligibility requirements at the time of entering the graduate program.