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Exceptional undergraduate students at UNC Charlotte may apply to this Early Entry Program to begin work toward a graduate degree before completion of the baccalaureate degree.

All program-level Admissions and Progression Requirements are in addition to the [University of North Carolina at Charlotte Admission Requirements](#).

Admission Requirements

Current UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Students

- See [University Admission Requirements](#)
- Completion of at least 75 undergraduate credit hours (although it is expected that close to 90 credit hours will have been earned by the time the first graduate course is taken)
- Minimum 3.2 overall undergraduate GPA
- Minimum 3.3 GPA in the department
- Submit application online at gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/apply and provide supporting documents
- Recommendation by the Graduate Program Director and approved by the Graduate School

Progression Requirements

- Completion of Early Entry Program Form, and approved by the Undergraduate Coordinator, Graduate Program Director, and Graduate School, prior to registering for graduate coursework each semester
- Maintain a minimum 2.75 overall undergraduate GPA and 3.0 Junior/Senior GPA
- Undergraduate students are allowed to take only 15 hours of graduate credit before they have completed their baccalaureate degree

Special Policies or Requirements

Up to 12 credit hours earned at the graduate level may be substituted for required undergraduate hours (i.e., up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework may be double-counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees). The following are approved course substitutions for Early Entry into the M.S. in Information Technology program.

Graduate Level Substitutes	Undergraduate Course Equivalent
ITIS 5166 - Network-Based Application Development (3)	ITIS 4166 - Backend Application Development (3)

Graduate Level Substitutes	Undergraduate Course Equivalent
ITIS 5180 - Mobile Application Development (3)	<u>ITIS 4180 - Mobile Application Development (3).</u>
ITIS 5221 - Secure Programming and Penetration Testing (3)	<u>ITIS 4221 - Secure Programming and Penetration Testing (3).</u>
ITIS 5246 - Competitive Cyber Defense (3)	<u>ITIS 4246 - Competitive Cyber Defense (3).</u>
ITIS 5250 - Computer Forensics (3)	<u>ITIS 4250 - Computer Forensics (3).</u>
ITIS 5260 - Introduction to Security Analytics (3)	<u>ITIS 4260 - Introduction to Security Analytics (3).</u>
ITIS 6011 - Interaction Design Studio (3)	<u>ITIS 4390 - Interaction Design Projects (3).</u>
ITIS 5350 - Rapid Prototyping (3)	<u>ITIS 4350 - Design Prototyping (3).</u>
ITIS 6120 - Applied Databases (3)	<u>ITSC 3160 - Database Design and Implementation (3).</u>
ITIS 6200 - Principles of Information Security and Privacy (3)	<u>ITIS 3200 - Introduction to Information Security and Privacy (3).</u>
ITIS 6216 - Introduction to Cognitive Science (3)	<u>ITIS 3216 - Introduction to Cognitive Science (3).</u>
ITIS 6342 - Information Technology Project Management (3)	<u>ITIS 3300 - Software Requirements, Analysis and Testing (3).</u>
ITIS 6400 - Human-Centered Design (3)	<u>ITIS 3130 - Introduction to Human-Centered Computing (3).</u>
ITIS 6420 - Usable Security and Privacy (3)	<u>ITIS 4214 - Usable Security and Privacy (3).</u>

For additional details on Early Entry to Graduate Programs, see the “Degree Requirements and Academic Policies” section of the *Graduate Catalog* and the Graduate Admissions website at gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/admissions/early-entry.

For details about the full requirements for this degree program, see the program listing in the *Graduate Catalog*.



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