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# *Data Science and Business Analytics, M.S. or Graduate Certificate, Early Entry*



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 and 3.2 GPA in the major
- Submit application online at [gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/apply](http://gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/apply) and provide supporting documents
- Recommendation by the Graduate Program Director and approved by the Graduate School
- Test scores from the GRE are NOT required of Early Entry applicants to the Data Science and Business Analytics program. Applicants must submit all other elements of a standard graduate application to the program.

## ***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 3.0 overall undergraduate GPA
- Undergraduate students are allowed to take only 15 hours of graduate credit before they have completed their baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 12 credit hours may double count.

## ***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).

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](http://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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## ***Accelerated Master’s Program (for High School Seniors and UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Freshmen)***

Academically talented high school seniors and UNC Charlotte undergraduate freshmen are encouraged to apply to an Accelerated Master’s Program to begin work toward both undergraduate and graduate degrees in their Freshman year.

### ***Admission Requirements***

- See [University Admission Requirements](#)
- Minimum high school GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Minimum score of 1220 on SAT

### ***Progression Requirements***

Students must maintain a strong academic record at both the undergraduate and graduate levels with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher and a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students accepted into the Accelerated master’s program are subject to the same policies that pertain to other matriculated graduate students.

### ***Special Policies or Requirements***

Up to 12 credit hours earned at the graduate level may be substituted for required undergraduate hours. In other words, up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework may be “double counted” toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

For additional details on the Accelerated Master’s Programs, see the “Degree Requirements and Academic Policies” section of the *Graduate Catalog* and the Graduate Admissions website at [gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/admissions/accelerated-masters](http://gradadmissions.charlotte.edu/admissions/accelerated-masters).

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



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