

Accelerated Status Program

Exceptionally promising UCI undergraduate Engineering students may, during their junior, senior, or fifth year, petition for streamlined admission into a graduate program within The Henry Samueli School of Engineering.

Program Eligibility Requirements:

Students wishing to petition for Accelerated Status must:

- be in their junior, senior, or 5th year of undergraduate study.
- must also hold a cumulative grade point average of 3.5+ or be in the Campuswide Honors Program.
- must have completed one quarter of 199 Individual Research that is related or potentially related to your MS Thesis research or have completed one graduate course numbered 200-289.

How to Petition:

Students are required to submit a Petition for Accelerated Status, as well as the Faculty Advisor Recommendation Form and Letter (in a signed, sealed envelope). Please return these materials to the Graduate Student Affairs Office, 101 Engineering and Computing Trailer. Students may petition for Accelerated Status at any time during junior, senior, or 5th year. It is recommended to petition as early as possible to take advantage of the opportunities provided. Students are strongly encouraged to petition no later than January 15th of the year they wish to begin graduate school.

What are the advantages of this status?

The Accelerated Status Program assists students in their preparation for graduate study by offering a head start on possible thesis research or coursework, as well as by allowing students to create an advisor/advisee relationship early.

Students holding Accelerated Status must either begin their research or complete graduate coursework while completing their undergraduate work. Moreover, students approved for Accelerated Status who are subsequently offered graduate admission may, upon completion of the bachelor's degree and matriculation into a graduate program, petition to transfer up to 18 units of graduate-level course work completed in excess of requirements for the bachelor's degree. Students given Accelerated Status are also given exemption from UCI's GRE requirement for graduate school admission. This exception applies only to current UCI Accelerated-Status undergraduate engineering students applying for graduate admission to one of the terminal M.S. programs in UCI's The Henry Samueli School of Engineering (students applying directly to the Ph.D. program will still need to complete the GRE requirement). Students with Accelerated Status are otherwise and in all other ways evaluated in the same manner as other applicants to the School's graduate programs.

*** Important note about applying to graduate school ***

Accelerated status students will still need to go through the online graduate application process during their last year as an undergraduate student – the Accelerated Status Program simply offers a head start and potentially allows students to complete their studies in a shorter period of time.

***** Please note that "accelerated" does not mean that you are working on your bachelor's degree and your graduate degree at the same time. You must wait until *after* you've been accepted for graduate study, and have matriculated, to petition for any graduate units earned during your undergraduate studies to apply to your M.S. or Ph.D. degree. It does mean that you are making progress towards a successful time in graduate study, by connecting with a faculty advisor early, as well as by completing courses or research ahead of time. *****

***** Please note that if you petition for Accelerated Status and are approved, you are under no *obligation* to attend graduate school at UCI. *****

If you are interested in learning more about this option please schedule a meeting with a Graduate Counselor by calling 949-824-4334.

Petition for Accelerated Status

Instructions: Please return this form to the Graduate Student Affairs Office, 101 Engineering and Computing Trailer.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

II. Undergraduate Information

Undergraduate Major: _____

Current Year: _____ Expected Graduation Quarter/Year: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ GPA in Major (if known): _____

At the point of turning in this petition I have taken (please mark all that apply):

_____ 199 Individual Research

_____ at least one graduate course numbered 200-289 (and received a B or better)

III. Graduate Information

I am interested in beginning a graduate program in (quarter/year): _____

I am interested in the following program:

- Arts Computation Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Engineering and Manufacturing Technology
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
- Networked Systems

I would like to obtain a:

- M.S. Only
- Ph.D. (earning M.S. along the way)

IV. Short Answer Questions (Please attach a type-written sheet)

- 1) Please describe any research or internship experience you have had during undergraduate school and your research advisor.
- 2) Please describe any other extracurricular activities you are involved in.
- 3) What motivating factors have led you to want to pursue a graduate degree?

V. Faculty Advisor Form & Letter

Name of Faculty Advisor: _____
(Please attach these materials in a signed, sealed envelope to your petition)

Please sign and date this petition:

Student

Date

Graduate Student Affairs Staff Use Only (Please date and initial)

Associate Dean Signature

Date

Undergraduate GPA BEGIN: _____

Date entered Accelerated Program: _____

Date applied to Graduate School: _____

Undergraduate GPA END: _____

Accelerated Status Petition: Faculty Advisor Recommendation Form

The accelerated status program allows students to form an advisor/advisee relationship before entering graduate school. The student's faculty advisor will mentor the student throughout their remaining time in undergraduate school, as well as be an advocate and advisor for the student throughout their graduate work.

To be filled in by the student and given to the faculty advisor

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Email Address: _____

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To be filled in by the faculty advisor:

Name: _____

Department: _____

Email Address: _____

I have known this student for _____ quarters.

The capacity in which I have known this student is _____.

I am willing to be this student's faculty advisor during his/her graduate study. _____ Yes _____ No

Recommendation Letter Details

Please attach a letter detailing your relationship with and impressions of this student and his/her potential for success in graduate study. Please mention, specifically, any undergraduate research this student has completed that could potentially become M.S. or Ph.D. thesis research.

Please place this form, as well as the recommendation letter, in a signed, sealed envelope and return it to the student for submission with the Petition for Accelerated Status. Thank you for your input!