

# IUPUI The Advisor Advocate

## Early Admission to Graduate School

### Earn a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in 5 Years

*Updated 10/27/22:* Students can apply for early admission during the term they earn their 60th undergraduate credit. For most students they will earn their 60th credit during the second semester of Sophomore year or first semester of their Junior year. Note that 15 of those credits need to be in their major. Once accepted into the early admission program, courses are designed to work towards the completion of both degrees, as 40% of graduate credits can also be counted towards the undergraduate degree.



#### Requirements:

- ❑ Enrolled as an IUP undergraduate
- ❑ Maintain a 3.0 GPA and be in good academic standing
- ❑ Complete graduate admissions application (*use code GFM to waive fee*)
- ❑ Fulfill all the requirements of the desired program (contact the graduate program coordinator)
- ❑ Work with both your undergraduate advisor and graduate program coordinator to make the best course schedule

#### Financial Benefits

- Financial aid and graduate assistantships are available.
- According to Council of Graduate Schools, individuals with a master's degree earn \$12,000 more per year.
- Early admission credits are billed at the undergraduate rate saving students money.

Once a student finishes their undergraduate work, they are automatically a graduate student. There are no drawbacks to applying for this program—even if someone reconsiders their plans senior year, courses count as graduate *and* undergraduate credit.

#### How Advisors Can Help

If you know a student who shows interest in graduate school, introducing them to the Early Admissions program can be a promising advancement in their academic and professional career. Help students:

- Connect with the graduate program coordinators within your college
- Share promotional material and information about the program with both lowerclassmen and transfer students
- Explain the benefits (including but not limited to):
  - Funding opportunities including graduate financial aid and graduate assistant work
  - broader career opportunities
  - higher earning potential

**For more information:**

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