

Graduate School Option

Students with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better planning to pursue graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh may want to consider the graduate school option for early admission to a graduate program. This option allows students to use the first 24 credits of graduate work as the last 24 elective credits of their undergraduate program. The following graduate schools at Pitt permit this option in conjunction with the CGS degree program: the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Graduate School of Public Health, and the School of Education (MEd candidates only). The School of Law has a similar program for its Master of Studies in Law program for CGS legal studies students.

Guidelines

- Students must be superior graduate school candidates and be admitted to the Pitt graduate program. The graduate programs require that the student have at least a 3.5 GPA when applying.
- The graduate program must include at least 24 credits of graduate-level course work. Students must earn a grade of B or better in all graduate course work.
- Students must complete at least 96 credits toward the CGS degree before the graduate program begins, including the last 30 credits in residence in CGS.
- Students must complete all of the general education requirements in their degree program before the graduate program begins. All major requirements also should be completed.

Note: Satisfactory completion of these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the graduate program; the graduate program officials make this decision. In addition, students who choose this option must be aware that enrolling as a graduate student may affect any financial aid awards they currently receive. Students are responsible for contacting the financial aid office regarding this issue.

Graduation from CGS

- Students must apply for graduation from CGS upon completing the first 24 credits in the graduate program with grades of B or better. Students must have a total of at least 120 credits.
- Students receive a BA or BS degree depending on the CGS major. The final undergraduate transcript will specify the major completed in CGS.
- The GPA for graduation from CGS will be calculated solely on the earned Pitt credits on the undergraduate transcript. The graduate program courses appear on the graduate transcript, and the undergraduate transcript is noted “Baccalaureate degree awarded in conjunction with University of Pittsburgh graduate degree program.”

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Requirements subject to change. Check with an academic advisor before registering.

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