BS/MS PROGRAM

Accelerated Undergraduate / Graduate Degree Program

Exceptional undergraduate students may be eligible for an accelerated master’s degree.

How Does the B.S./M.S. Program Work?

- Most students are able to complete their M.S. degree within 12 months of completing their B.S. degree.
- B.S./M.S. students have the same expectations as traditional M.S. students in terms of required coursework, independent research, completing a thesis, etc.
- Students are able to double-count up to 12 course credit hours toward both degrees (with some restrictions).

Am I Eligible for the B.S./M.S. Program?

- Junior/senior
- 3.4 overall GPA at Virginia Tech
- Faculty advisor: confirmed HNFE faculty mentor
- Undergraduate research experience (highly desirable)

How Do I Find a Graduate Faculty Advisor?

- Talk to your HNFE professors about their research, interest in working with B.S./M.S. students, and availability in upcoming years.
- Volunteer for undergraduate research projects.
- Contact faculty with common research interests.
- Remember: it is your responsibility to identify a faculty mentor; no students are admitted to the HNFE graduate program without a graduate faculty advisor!

Steps to Apply:

1. Make sure the program fits your goals/needs!
2. Secure a faculty advisor.
3. Obtain a signed DARS from your undergraduate advisor indicating you are on track to graduate with the B.S. degree.
4. Apply to the VT Graduate School during spring of your junior year (by June 1). You must be accepted into the program BEFORE any courses can be double-counted. Select your M.S. start date as the semester following completion of your B.S. degree.
5. Complete the Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Degree and Course Designation form to assign which courses you would like the graduate school to double-count for credit; submit to the HNFE graduate program coordinator.

More information is available at the Graduate School.

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