

## The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

Gallogly College of Engineering
School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science

## ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAM (ADP) APPLICATION

FOR BS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/MES

## Scope of Program

The School of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science (CEES) combined BS in Environmental Science/Master's of Environment Science (MES) program is offered for qualified undergraduate students to pursue graduate course credit in conjunction with the Bachelor's degree requirements. Applications to the ADP and changes to existing ADP coursework will only be accepted in the first two weeks of the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Students accepted into the Accelerated Degree Program (ADP) can share up to NINE (9) credit hours to satisfy the requirements of both the Bachelor's and Master's degrees. If time allows during the Bachelor's program, students can also complete up to SEVEN (7) credit hours of additional graduate coursework not applied to the Bachelor's degree. With proper planning, the ADP allows students to complete their Master's degree in less time than the traditional Master's program.

Students admitted to the ADP are responsible for updating their coursework plan <u>PRIOR</u> to enrolling in said coursework. Approval of the plan does not override the need for students to obtain written permission from the course instructor before enrolling in courses for graduate credit. After admission to the ADP, students are required to maintain a 3.00 GPA in each semester. A semester GPA of less than 3.00 will result in academic dismissal from the ADP by the OU Graduate College.

Acceptance into the ADP does not guarantee admission to the OU Graduate College upon completion of the Bachelor's degree. Rather, undergraduate students must submit an Addition or Change of Program (ACOP) application to the OU Graduate College. The ACOP application requires two letters of reference, a statement of goals (500 words or less) and a resume for submission. If a student's GPA falls below 3.00, their ACOP application will be considered for the traditional Master's degree program. Final acceptance to the graduate program is subject to approval of the CEES Graduate Studies Committee and Dean of the Graduate College.

## **CEES ADP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

## **ADP Entrance Requirements**

- 1. Major GPA-OU\* of 3.20 or better in Environmental Science curriculum at the time of application. \*Major GPA-OU can be found by running an 'Audit' in Degree Navigator. A list of GPAs will appear at the bottom of the audit
- 2. The CEES Undergraduate and Graduate Liaisons must endorse the application
- 3. Students must maintain continuous enrollment until the Master's degree is awarded, starting with the senior year in the Bachelor's degree
- 4. Courses taken prior to acceptance in the ADP and switching to the accelerated code (B405 to A405) cannot be credited to the graduate degree
- 5. Not available to students transferring in beyond junior standing in Environmental Science
- 6. Not available retroactively to students admitted to the graduate program

## **ADP Application Requirements:**

- 1. Complete Supplemental Application (Attachment A)
- 2. Complete Undergraduate Liaison Endorsement of Application, <u>singed ONLY by student and Undergraduate Liaison</u> (Attachment B)
- 3. Complete ADGCP, singed ONLY by student and Undergraduate Liaison (Attachment C)
- 4. **Draft** PoS, <u>signed ONLY by student</u> (Attachment D)
- 5. Student's up to date, unofficial transcript
- 6. Student's resume

## ADP Application Submission and Review Process:

- 1. Complete degree appropriate ADP application
- 2. Contact CEES Undergraduate Liaison, Dr. Volz, to meet and review ADP application
- 3. If approved by Dr. Volz, students can submit the ADP application to CEES Student Services in CEC 318 or email to ceesgradstudies@ou.edu within the first two weeks of each semester
- 4. The CEES Graduate Liaison, Dr. Strevett, will review ADP applications and contact each student to schedule a meeting
- 5. If approved, CEES will route the ADGCP form to the CEES Undergraduate Advisor, Oliver Luckett, to review and change the degree code from B405 to A405
- 6. Lastly, the Graduate College Degree Management Specialist for CEES, Hannah James, will review and finalize admission to the ADP. Students will be notified by email from the Graduate College when their application has been fully processed

## ADP Application Submission Deadline:

- 1. During the first two weeks of each Fall and Spring Semester
- 2. No Summer Semester applications will be accepted
- 3. No earlier than the Junior year
- 4. No later than the final two full semesters prior to completing the Bachelor's degree

Email questions to ceesgradstudies@ou.edu

### ADMISION TO THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

Acceptance to the ADP does not change an undergraduate student to a graduate student. Final acceptance to the graduate program is subject upon submission of the ACOP application and approval of the CEES Graduate Studies Committee and Dean of the Graduate College.

Students admitted to the ADP will be classified as undergraduate students until they are admitted to the Graduate College.

To apply for admission to the Graduate College, complete the ACOP application on the Graduate College's <u>website</u>. Deadlines for submission of the ACOP application are indicated below and are essentially the semester prior to starting the Master's degree.

For example, if a student expects to complete their Bachelor's degree in Spring 2024, they must submit the ACOP application in January 2024. This allows students to begin their Master's degree in Fall 2024.

The ACOP application requires two letters of reference, a statement of goals (500 words or less) and a resume for submission. Statements should be addressed to the CEES Graduate Studies Committee and explain your interest in a graduate degree and how you hope to implement your studies into research or professional interests.

Master's Starting Semester	<u>Initial Screening Deadline</u>
Fall (or Summer if approved)	January 15
Spring	August 15

Finally, students who intend to complete the Master's degree in one additional year after the Bachelor's degree are required to submit a **Final** PoS in the first semester of the Master's program. Take note of all form deadlines found in the CEES Graduate Student Milestone Deadline Summary (Attachment E).

## **ATTACHMENT A**

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR ADP PROGRAM

This application is for the accelerated BS in Environmental Science/MES program with specialization in (mark one from each area from the list below):

## **Environmental Science**

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GPA in Environmental Science Curri	culum (Major GPA-OU*)	
olicant Signature / Date		

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## **ATTACHMENT B**

## UNDERGRADUATE LIAISON'S ENDORSEMENT OF ADP APPLICATION

This application is for the accelerated BS in Environmental Science/MES program with specialization in (mark one from each area from the list below):

## **Environmental Science** $\sqcap$ Thesis <u>OR</u> $\sqcap$ Coursework Only for admission to the ADP. (Student Name) The following courses should be approved for fulfilling the graduate and undergraduate programs: Proposed courses to be taken for shared graduate credit (a maximum of NINE (9) credit hours can be shared between the two degrees. The courses must be graduate level courses).

(Course Prefix and Number) (Course Title) (Semester Taken) Course 2 (Course Prefix and Number) (Course Title) (Semester Taken) Course 3 \_\_\_\_ (Course Prefix and Number) (Course Title) (Semester Taken)

Proposed courses to be taken for additional graduate credit not applied to the Bachelor's degree (a maximum of SEVEN (7) credit hours can be taken. The courses must be graduate level courses).

(Course Prefix and Number) (Course Title)	(Semester Taken)
Course 2	
(Course Prefix and Number) (Course Title)	(Semester Taken)
Course 3 CEES 5021 Technical Communications (only for thesis students)	

(Course Prefix and Number) (Course Title) (Semester Taken)

Endorsed by:

I support the application of \_\_\_

Course 1

## ATTACHMENT C

# GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE ACCELERATED DEGREE GRADUATE COURSEWORK PLAN (ADGCP)

Download the ADGCP form for the <u>A405-BS Env. Science/MES</u> program and identify required MES coursework in consultation with the PoS.

All coursework listed on the ADGCP should carry graduate credit. Courses with graduate credit are CEES 4000G and CEES 5000-level courses. Slashlisted courses (e.g. CEES 4000/5000) require enrollment in the 5000-level to earn graduate credit.

A complete list of CEES courses can be found in the <u>Course Catalog</u> but a list of CEES 4000G-level courses is below:

CEES 4123G Open Channel Flow

CEES 4243G Water Technologies for Emerging Regions

CEES 4253G Statistics and Probability

CEES 4263G Hazardous and Solid Waste Management

CEES 4333G Foundation Engineering

CEES 4453G Geomatics Engineering

CEES 4663G Introduction to Matrix Methods in Structural Analysis

CEES 4753G Structural Design-Wood

ENGR 4513G Introduction to Sustainable Engineering

Students can also find a list of Bachelor's degree approved professional electives <u>here</u>.

Course information such as the expected semester to be taught can be found in ClassNav.

Students are limited to NINE (9) credit hours of CEES 4000G courses in their Master's program and TWELVE (12) credit hours of 4000G courses overall. For example, at maximum students may have one ENGR 4000G course plus three CEES 4000G courses. ENGR 4000G courses may only be used with approval by the CEES Graduate Studies Committee.



#### ACCELERATED DEGREE GRADUATE COURSEWORK PLAN

#### Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science / Master of Environmental Science

Undergraduate Major Code: A405

ADP effective Summer 2023

This is a sequential accelerated degree program. The B.S. is conferred before the student's admission to the M.E.S. program

This form should be completed by the undergraduate college advisor, the undergraduate liaison (if applicable), and the student upon the student's admission to the accelerated degree program (ADP). The graduate liaison for the master's degree should verify that the shared coursework is appropriate before signing.

After receiving and reviewing this form, the Graduate College academic counselor will contact the student, undergraduate college advisor, undergraduate liaison (if applicable), and graduate liaison via OU email.

#### To the undergraduate college advisor:

Complete the following information. If the student has not already been placed in the accelerated major code indicated above, effective for the semester of their admission to the ADP, please initiate that change now.

Student Name: Boyd Student OU ID: 11x-xx-xxxx Current Overall GPA: 3.20+

Semester of Admission to ADP: Fall 2022 Anticipated Semester of Bachelor's Completion: Spring 2024

#### To the student:

Read this information carefully. If you have questions or concerns, contact your advisors and/or the Graduate College.

#### Conditions and Limitations of Participation in the Accelerated Degree Program

Now that you have been admitted to the ADP, you will be engaged, assessed, and graded as a graduate student, although you will remain an undergraduate student until your bachelor's degree has been conferred. You will not be considered a graduate student with regard to funding opportunities, such as graduate assistantships, until your undergraduate college has cleared you for graduation with the bachelor's degree and you have been admitted to the graduate portion of the ADP.

Once you are admitted to the graduate portion of the ADP, you must meet all requirements and deadlines for the master's degree outlined in the <u>Graduate College Bulletin</u>, such as submitting a <u>Program of Study</u> and applying for graduation.

#### Eligibility for graduate admission:

- During the final semester of your bachelor's degree, you will need to submit the online <u>Addition or Change of Program</u> form to apply for admission to the graduate portion of the ADP.
- You must meet the Graduate College admission criteria outlined in the <u>Graduate College Bulletin</u> to be eligible for admission to the graduate portion of the ADP. No exceptions will be made and conditional admission will not be permitted.

#### Grade point average (GPA) requirements:

- After admission to an accelerated degree program, you are required to maintain a 3.00 grade point average in each term.
- While you are in an undergraduate or graduate accelerated degree code, the Graduate College will
  monitor your GPA each term over all coursework completed in that term. The undergraduate college
  may also monitor your overall GPA to ensure undergraduate degree requirements are met.
- A term GPA less than 3.00 will result in academic dismissal from the ADP. If you are dismissed from the
  ADP, you may apply to the stand-alone master's program upon completion of the bachelor's degree, but
  you may not share any coursework applied to the bachelor's degree (see the <u>Graduate College Bulletin</u> for
  rules concerning master's degree credit taken prior to admission to a graduate program).

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## ADGCP Example Only (page 2):

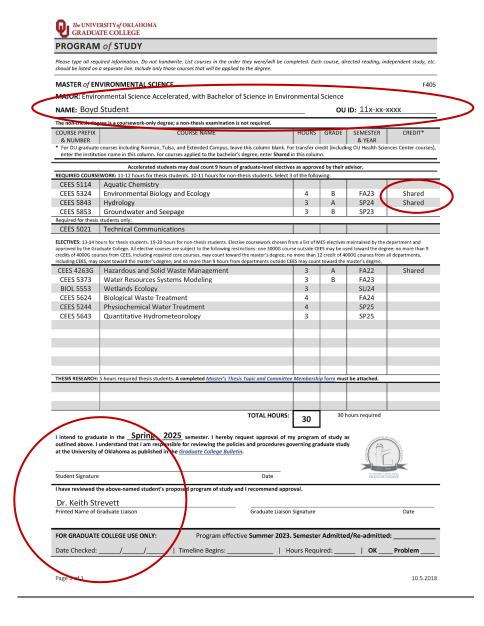
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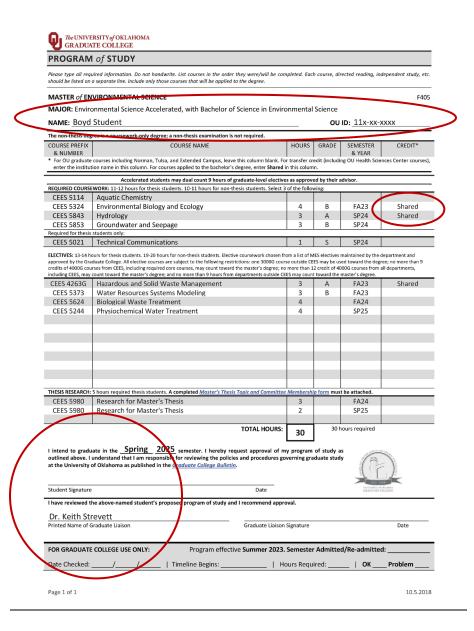
## GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE DRAFT PROGRAM OF STUDY (PoS)

Download the PoS for the MES program and identify all Master's degree coursework. Shared BS/MES coursework should be noted as 'Shared' in the 'CREDIT column.

## **Coursework Only PoS Example only:**



## Thesis PoS Example only:



## ATTACHMENT E

## CEES GRADUATE STUDENT MILESTONE DEADLINE SUMMARY



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CHECKLIST FOR ACCELERATED COURSEWORK-ONLY MASTER'S DEGREE		
Milestone	Deadline	
<u>During the Bachelor's Degree</u>		
Complete CEES's ADP application	In the first two weeks of Fall or Spring semesters,	
	typically in the Junior year	
Submit ACOP application to the OU	Jan. 15 for Fall or Summer MS start	
Graduate College which officially moves you	Aug. 15 for Spring MS start	
from the BS to MS program		
During the Master's Degree		
Submit Program of Study Form*	CEES DEADLINES AS OF FALL 2022:	
90°	No later than the first two weeks of the semester	
	before graduation, generally:	
	Feb. 1 for Summer <u>and</u> Fall graduation	
	Sept. 1 for Spring graduation	
Apply for <u>Graduation</u>	The semester <u>before</u> you plan to graduate,	
	No later than:	
	December 1 for Spring/May graduation	
	February 1 for Summer/August graduation	
	May 1 for Fall/December graduation	
Request Changes to Program of Study	Contact advisor promptly and submit changes ASAP;	
200	no changes within 30 days of graduation	
Complete CEES Exit Survey^	Prior to graduation, CEES staff will contact you	
If you need certification of completing your degree before diplomas are released, submit a		
Request for Letter of Completion. More on diplomas can be found here.		

<sup>\*=</sup>possibly due BEFORE first semester for VA or other benefit confirmation

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<sup>^=</sup>CEES Requirement



## CEES GRADUATE STUDENT MILESTONE DEADLINE SUMMARY

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Milestone	Deadline			
During the Bachelor's Degree				
Complete CEES's ADP application	In the first two weeks of Fall or Spring semesters,			
	typically in the Junior year			
Submit ACOP application to the OU	Jan. 15 for Fall or Summer MS start			
Graduate College which officially moves you	Aug. 15 for Spring MS start			
from the BS to MS program				
	e Master's Degree			
Enrollment deadlines to be eligible for the	Jan. 5 for the Spring			
student FICA (Social Security) exemption on	Aug. 5 for the Fall			
August and January paychecks. The FICA				
payroll taxes cannot be refunded for late				
class enrollment.				
Complete Professional Ethics Training^	For funded students: within first year of enrollment			
(select "CITI Updated Registration	and prior to submitting the Program of Study			
Instructions - Graduate Students and				
Postdocs")				
Submit Program of Study* and Master's	CEES DEADLINES AS OF FALL 2022:			
Thesis Topic and Committee Membership	No later than the first two weeks of the semester			
Forms	before defense, generally:			
	Feb. 1 for Summer <u>and</u> Fall defense			
	Sept. 1 for Spring defense			
Review Graduate College	BEFORE you begin writing			
<u>Thesis/Dissertation Instruction Packet</u>	104 020			
Submit Thesis <u>Prospectus</u> ^	No later than:			
	May 15 for Summer defense			
	August 15 for Fall defense*			
	December 15 for Spring defense			
	*Encourage May 15 for Fall defense since faculty may			
	not be available during the Summer.			

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## CEES GRADUATE STUDENT MILESTONE DEADLINE SUMMARY

Submit the GA Final Semester Declaration	No later than:	
ONLY IF ENROLLED IN FEWER THAN 5	May 22 for Summer defense & enroll by Aug. 25	
HOURS (3 hours for Summer) in your last	July 24 for Fall defense & enroll by Aug. 25	
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Apply for <u>Graduation</u>	The semester <u>before</u> you plan to graduate, No later than:	
	December 1 for Spring/May graduation	
	February 1 for Summer/August graduation	
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Request Changes to Program of Study or	Contact your advisor promptly and submit changes	
Thesis Forms	ASAP; no changes within 30 days of defense	
Request <u>Degree Check</u>	During the first two weeks of your defense semester	
Submit Reading Copy of Thesis to	Four weeks prior defense	
Committee^		
Submit the Report of Reading Copy/Request	Four weeks prior to the last day of finals, and at least	
for Authority to Defend Form	two weeks prior to defense	
Submit Defense Abstract^	At least two weeks before your defense	
Defend Thesis	No later than two weeks prior to the last day of finals	
Return Authority Report Form to the	No later than 72 hours after your defense	
Graduate College	e .	
Submit Approval for Thesis/Dissertation	At least one week prior to the last day of finals,	
Submission to SHAREOK	preferably immediately after committee has	
	approved final Thesis	
Submit Thesis to SHAREOK	At least one week prior to the last of finals OR within	
	60 days of defense, whichever comes first; if not	
	satisfied you <u>must</u> enroll in 2 credits of research the	
	following semester	
Complete CEES Exit Survey^	After defense, CEES staff will contact you	
If you need certification of completing your degree before diplomas are released, submit a		
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