

Acknowledgement of Non-Degree Policies

It is imperative that newly admitted graduate non-degree seeking students understand the non-degree policies prior to enrolling in graduate level courses at UAB. As such, beginning Summer 2016, all graduate non-degree seeking students will be required to read and sign this form prior to registration at UAB.

1. Earning Non-Degree Credit

There is no limit to the number of graduate non-degree (GN) hours a non-degree seeking student can accumulate. However, should a student choose to enroll as a degree seeking student at UAB, **no more than 12 semester hours earned as a non-degree graduate student may be applied toward the advanced degree.** Students wishing to apply more than 12 semester hours of non-degree credit to a graduate degree are required to appeal to the Graduate School Dean for permission; however, these requests are rarely approved.

2. Registration in Non-Degree Courses

Not all graduate courses are open to non-degree seeking graduate students. Students must contact the graduate department to receive approval to register for courses. After a permission override has been approved for each course, students can register online through BlazerNET.

3. Applying Non-Degree Credit to a Graduate Degree

Should a student be admitted to a degree program, the credit earned while in non-degree seeking status is not automatically acceptable toward a degree. A request for transfer of non-degree seeking credits will not be considered until the student has completed at least nine (9) semester hours of graduate credit in the current UAB program and is in good academic standing. At that time, your department must email the Graduate School to request that the specified credits be converted.

4. Financial Aid

Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for federal financial aid.

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| Student Name | Blazer ID | Student ID (B#) |
| Email Address | Term of Admission | Do you intend to pursue a graduate degree in the future? YES NO UNDECIDED |

By signing this form, I am acknowledging that I understand and agree to abide by all of the policies above.

Signature of Non-Degree Seeking Student

Date