

Graduate School Option

Students with a 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 of their undergraduate program. The following graduate schools at Pitt permit this option in conjunction with the CGS degree program: 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 coursework. Students must earn a B or better grade in all graduate coursework.
- 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. Normally, all major requirements should be completed also.
- Note: Satisfactory completion of these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the graduate program; this decision is made by the graduate program.

Graduation from CGS

- Students must apply for graduation from CGS upon completing the first 24 credits in the graduate program with B or better grades. Students must have a total of at least 120 credits.
- Students receive a BA or BS degree depending upon 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."