What is our Accelerated Bachelor’s Master’s Degree Program?

Our ABM program enables the concurrent pursuit of a bachelor’s and master’s degree for academically strong students pursuing a BS degree in Textile Engineering (TE), Polymer and Color Chemistry (PCC), or Textile Technology (TT).

The five-year ABM program is an outstanding opportunity to earn a challenging thesis or non-thesis master’s degree while saving time and money and without the normal GRE requirement.

What are the benefits?

• Enjoy all of the enriching benefits of a graduate student as early as your junior year
• Prepare for a Ph.D. program or advanced professional degrees
• Complete your master’s degree in as little as one year after completing your bachelor’s degree
• Double count 12 letter-graded credits for both degrees
• Develop a personalized Plan of Work targeted to your interests and professional development
• Begin independent study (for non-thesis) or graduate research (for thesis) early in your undergraduate degree
• Attend graduate seminars as an undergraduate
• The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is waived for ABM students in the TECS Department
• Tuition costs and fees are substantially reduced
• After completing your undergraduate degree, you are NOT required to complete the master’s degree

What must you satisfy to be eligible?

• A GPA of 3.5 or higher and a minimum of 75 credits
• We recommend developing a Plan of Work before reaching 75 credits, if possible
• Transfer students: Must complete at least two semesters as full-time NC State students
• TT students may be required to take one or more engineering courses to matriculate into the MSTE degree

What are the restrictions?

• Permission to pursue an ABM degree program does not guarantee an admission to the Graduate School. Admission is contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements at the time of entering the graduate program.
• Non-thesis ABM students must complete their MS degree no later than 12 months after completing their BS degree
• Thesis ABM students must complete their MS degree no later than 18 months after completing their BS degree

How do I apply?

• Read the information at the links below
• Request an advising appointment with: Dr. Zhang (chemistry, engineering) Dr. Joines (chemistry, engineering, technology)
• Develop a Plan of Work signed by you, Dr. Zhang, and Dr. Joines
• Submit a standard online application including application fee, all transcripts, and three letters of reference
• Apply in the semester you are graduating from your undergraduate degree
• Apply at: http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/applygrad.htm
• Make sure to select the ABM option of the form

Where can I go for more information?

• University Policy on ABM: http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-25-11
• The Graduate School: http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/
• BS PCC / MS Textile Chemistry ABM
• BSTE, TT, PCC / MS Textile Engineering ABM
• Email Dr. Joines: jjoine@ncsu.edu
• Email Dr. Zhang: xzhang13@ncsu.edu