



## Accelerated Master of Public Policy (MPP) Academic Policies

This document highlights key academic policies that apply to the (dual bachelor's-graduate) accelerated MPP degree. For comprehensive policies and procedures pertaining to UNC graduate students, please refer to the [Graduate School Handbook](#). The policies outlined below are governed and administered by the UNC Graduate School.

### **Transfer of Credit (including double-counting of credit)**

Dual bachelor's-graduate candidates are permitted to [transfer](#) (i.e., **double-count**) up to 12 credit hours taken as an undergraduate toward both the 120 hours required for the undergraduate degree as well as toward the graduate degree.

Grades earned on all “transferred” work must be equivalent to **B or better** (note: B- is not equivalent to B).

The MPP Program Coordinator will work with students to determine which undergraduate credits may transfer to the MPP degree. All students considering any transfer of credit should always consult the MPP Coordinator.

Graduate-level (700+) MPP courses [taken as an undergraduate](#) will be awarded undergraduate grades.

### **Graduate Grading**

The [graduate grading scale](#) at UNC-Chapel Hill is unique in that it cannot be converted to the more traditional ABC grading scale, and graduate students do not carry a numerical GPA.

Course grades of H, P, L, F, and F\* are permanent grades.

### **Graduate Permanent Grades**

H	High Pass - Clear Excellence
P	Pass - Entirely Satisfactory Graduate Work
L	Low Pass - Inadequate Graduate Work
F	Fail

### Special Permanent Grades

F\* Fail-Administratively Assigned, equivalent to F  
NG No grade assigned; administratively assigned only  
XF Fail-Honor Court hearing outcome, equivalent to F

### Temporary Grades

AB Absent from final examination  
IN Work incomplete  
NR Not recorded

A [temporary grade of IN, AB and NR converts to F\\*](#) unless the grade is replaced with a permanent grade by the last day of classes for the same term one year later.

Temporary grades may not be assigned as a graduate grade in PLCY 992.

### Academic Eligibility

A student becomes [academically ineligible](#) to continue in The Graduate School if they receive a grade of F, F\*, XF, **or nine or more hours of L.**

When special circumstances warrant, a student made academically ineligible under the conditions stated above may be [reinstated](#) upon petition initiated through the student's academic program. Final approval rests with The Graduate School.

### Inter-Institutional Enrollment

Students may take a maximum of two graduate-level courses through [inter-institutional enrollment](#) during a fall or spring term or a maximum of one graduate-level course during a summer term, provided that the student is also registered for the balance of a normal load (at least three credit hours) at UNC-Chapel Hill and that an equivalent course is not available on this campus

### Inter-Institutional Grading

Consult the [Graduate Handbook](#) for grading guidelines and partner universities. Note that inter-institutional courses may not be taken pass/fail.

Grades earned for courses taken via inter-institutional registration do factor into a student's [academic eligibility](#) calculation.

## **Honor Code**

Students are subject to the regulations of student government under the [Honor Code](#)<sup>☒</sup>. The Honor Code embodies the ideals of academic honesty, integrity, ethical decision-making, and governs the performance of all academic work a student conducts at the University.

## **Maymester**

All students are required to enroll in a final 3-credit MPP Maymester seminar (PLCY 795).

## **Graduation**

Students must submit an [Application for Graduation](#) in Connect Carolina for the term in which they intend to graduate.

Students must be [registered](#) in the semester in which they complete the capstone requirement (thesis substitute PLCY 992).

For most accelerated dual bachelor's-graduate candidates, degrees will be officially conferred in August.