

Non-Degree Seeking Students

The minimum requirement for Non-Degree seeking graduate admission is the receipt of a U.S. Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited university/college or a final degree awarded from a comparable institute of higher education as evaluated by the University of Arizona Graduate College. There is no GPA requirement for graduate Non-degree seeking students.

- Non-Degree students are eligible to enroll in graduate-level courses. However, it is advisable that you contact the School of Geography and Development to ensure that:
 - GIST courses are available to Non-Degree students.
 - You apply to the correct campus on which those courses are offered –Main Campus for in-person courses, and UA Online for online courses.
- An applicant who has completed a minimum of **6** graded graduate units in the major from the University of Arizona, with a GPA of 3.0 or better, is eligible to be admitted to the relevant degree (e.g. MS-GIST) if recommended by the program. For the MS-GIST and P-GIST, we recommend you earn these units by completing the introductory courses GIST 601A and GIST 601B.
- No more than **12** units of graduate credit earned in Non-Degree status may be applied toward a graduate degree once the student obtains admission to a degree program. For the MS-GIST, you could complete GIST 601A, GIST 601B, GIST 602A, GIST 602B in Non-degree status, and apply them toward your degree when you start the program as a degree-seeking student.
- No more than **6** units of graduate credit earned in Non-Degree status may be applied toward a graduate certificate once the student obtains admission to a certificate program. For the P-GIST certificate, you could complete GIST 601A and GIST 601B in Non-degree status, and apply them toward your certificate when you start the program as a degree-seeking student.
- Graduate Non-Degree applications should be submitted no later than one week before classes begin, to avoid unexpected delays and late registration penalties assessed by the Bursar's Office.
- Please refer to the [Graduate College](#) for more details regarding Non-Degree status.