

APPLICATION FOR ACCELERATED GRADUATION (Petition to Committee on Academic Standing)

You are required to petition the Committee on Academic Standing if you wish to graduate early.

The Status at which you entered Grinnell:	Required Semesters of Residency	Petition is Required to Graduate in:	What to Include with this Application	Definition
1st Semester, 1st Year	8	6 or 7 semesters	Part I - Rationale Statement	Elements of a Liberal Education-see Catalog
2nd Semester, 1st Year	7	6 semesters	Part II - Plan for Completion of Major	Completed and Projected Major Courses
1st Semester, 2nd Year	6	5 semesters	Part III - Full Course Plan	All Completed and Projected Courses and when taken
2nd Semester, 2nd Year	5	4 semesters	Part IV – Adviser and Major Department Support	Statement of support and signature of adviser(s) and chair
1st Semester, 3rd Year	4	Minimum is 4		

Absolute Deadline: Friday of second full week of classes of semester proposed for graduation
Recommended: Two semesters prior to expected date of accelerated graduation
Requirements: See attached Policy statements from the Student Handbook

Student Information	
Name _____	Student ID _____
(Please print)	
CURRENT EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE:	
(Date currently being used by the Registrar's Office)	
____ December	of ____ Year
or	
____ May	
GRADUATION DATE YOU ARE PROPOSING:	
____ December	of ____ Year
or	
____ May	

Please print the following:

1st Adviser name _____ 2nd Adviser _____

Major Department Chair _____

Concentration Chair _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Requirements for Early Graduation Policy Statements from the Student Handbook

Students who enter Grinnell as first-semester first-year students may develop degree programs of six or seven semesters of full-time enrollment. The major adviser and the Committee on Academic Standing must approve the student's plan for accelerated graduation. In completing the application, students should consult the "Elements of a Liberal Education" of the *Grinnell College Catalog*.

A completed application must be submitted no later than Friday of the first full week of classes of the semester proposed for graduation. However, it is in a student's interest to apply for accelerated graduation no later than the time of registration two semesters prior to the expected date of accelerated graduation so that the student has two semesters in which to address any academic deficiencies identified by the Committee on Academic Standing.

Students may graduate after six or seven semesters if they have satisfied requirements for the degree, including the requirements for major, residence, and total credits, and if they have demonstrated a commitment to a strong program of liberal education, **normally including three four-credit courses in each of the three major divisions of the College**. The last full semester of work before graduation must be completed at Grinnell, except for students participating in cooperative programs leading to professional degrees.

A student who is attempting to follow an approved accelerated program to graduate in fewer than eight semesters is not reclassified forward on the basis of credits earned until his or her final semester. The credits necessary to remain in good academic standing (see definition under "Academic Review" section) are determined by a student's actual class status, not by the accelerated program he or she is attempting.

College Residence Requirement

Because a residential college seeks to create an environment in which students and faculty benefit from the exchange of insights, ideas, and experiences, a residence requirement provides adequate time for such an exchange for the student's development both inside and outside the classroom. Contemplative study, maturation, and time for reading and discussion in the College community all are considered important to a student's development.

All students are expected to complete eight full-time college semesters, a specified number of which must be in residence at Grinnell. Students who enter Grinnell as first-semester first-year students or who transfer to Grinnell as second-semester first-year students are required to complete at least six semesters of full-time enrollment in residence at Grinnell. One semester of approved off-campus study may count toward the six-semester residency requirement. Transfer students who enter as first-semester second-year students, as second-semester second-year students or as third-year students must complete at least four semesters of full-time residence at Grinnell. (Full-time enrollment is enrollment for at least 12 semester credits.) The only off-campus program that can be counted toward residency for second-year and third-year transfer students is the Grinnell-in-London and the Grinnell-in-Washington programs.

If an eighth-semester student in good standing leaves the College with eight or fewer nonmajor credits to complete toward the degree, these credits may be completed at another accredited college or university, as long as the minimum credit requirement has been met and prior approval has been granted by the student's adviser and the Registrar. Degrees are not conferred beyond three years after the date a student leaves Grinnell.

PART I: RATIONALE FOR ACCELERATED GRADUATION

Explain how your early graduation plan fulfills the “Elements of a Liberal Education” (see current [Catalog](#)) including coursework in the major and distribution in other areas such as native and foreign language and literature, quantitative studies and mathematics, natural science, the human sciences and humanities, fine arts, and athletics or other educative extra-curricular activity.

Additionally, please advise specifically why you have decided to complete your undergraduate education in less than the required semesters of residency.

PART III: FULL COURSE PLAN

List here all courses for each semester of enrollment

Place an * in front of all courses which have or will satisfy major requirements.

Place a double ** in front of concentration or second major requirements.

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Dept/Course #/Title	Creds	Dept/Course #/Title	Creds
1 S T Y E A R			
2 N D Y E A R			
3 R D Y E A R			
4 T H Y E A R			

List all non-Grinnell credit hours here:

- **Summer School:** Completed _____ Proposed: _____ (specify)
- **Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate:** _____
- **Other Transfer:** Completed: _____ Proposed: _____ (specify)

PART IV: ADVISER/MAJOR DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

To the Adviser:

All plans for the completion of the major must have the approval of the major adviser and the department chair. In addition, the Committee finds helpful your comments about this student's plan and rationale for meeting the objectives of a liberal arts education as outlined in the current Catalog.

Adviser's Approval: _____

Date: _____

Department Chair Approval: _____

Date: _____

Concentration Chair Approval: _____

Date: _____