

3+X Program Deadlines and Check-List*

First Year - Application

March 1 – Deadline to submit complete online Graduate School application at applygrad.ncsu.edu/apply/, with an intended entry term of the Fall semester. The earlier the application is submitted, the better. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA to be eligible to apply. Contact the International Admissions Manager at hdharden@ncsu.edu after submitting the application to make sure it is processed appropriately.

**A complete graduate school application will include 1. a personal statement, 2. three academic or professional recommendations submitted by the recommenders, 3. academic transcripts/records (in English), 4. TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo, or CET6 scores, 5. Resume or CV, and 6. an application fee. GRE scores and official transcripts may be submitted later upon arrival.

March-April – Preliminary admissions decisions are made by NC State graduate programs and GTI. If preliminarily admitted, applicants asked to complete the GTI 3+X Certificate of Financial Responsibility proving financial ability to fund studies. I-20 visa document will then be issued allowing students to apply for the F-1 student visa.

May – Attend visa interview. Arrange for housing accommodations in Raleigh.

First Year - Fall GTI Semester

Mid-August – Arrive at NC State University for the Fall GTI semester. Orientation usually takes place one week prior to the start of classes. Pay tuition bill. During this semester, students enroll in GTI 401, three degree courses, and English language courses if necessary.

October 15 – Deadline to submit any application materials required for master's degree application (such as new English language scores or GRE scores, if necessary), AND official/original transcripts from university. A six or seven semester transcript is acceptable if that is all that is currently available. Begin preparing financial documents to submit to the Graduate School for I-20 visa document for master's program.

December 1 – Deadline to submit new financial documents for I-20 for master's program.

December 10 – Deadline to receive confirmation from home University that student met the requirements to complete and receive bachelor's degree. If successfully completed GTI semester, will be evaluated for admission to master's program. If admitted, new I-20 will be issued allowing student to remain in U.S. for duration of master's degree program.

Second Year

Prior to Graduation – Must submit final academic transcripts and degree certificate from undergraduate degree prior to graduation from master's degree, or will not be allowed to graduate.

**These deadlines and important dates are subject to change. It is important to maintain constant contact with the Graduate School, your degree program and the GTI program for updates. Note: failure to meet these deadlines may result in a denial of admission to Graduate School or not receiving a graduate degree from NC State.*