

3+X Program Deadlines and Check-List*

Prior to Arrival

July 1 – Deadline to submit complete online application at applygrad.ncsu.edu/apply/, with an intended entry term of the Spring 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 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.

August – Preliminary admissions decisions are made by NC State graduate programs. If preliminarily admitted, applicants asked to complete a 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.

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

Spring 3+X Semester

January – Arrive at NC State University for the spring semester. Orientation usually takes place one week prior to the start of classes. Pay tuition bill. During this semester, students enroll in GTI 401 (U.S. culture course), three degree courses, and English language courses if necessary.

March 1 – Deadline to submit any application materials required for master's degree application (such as new English language 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.

May 1 – Deadline to submit new financial documents for I-20 for master's program. If successfully completed 3+X 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. Students should not depart U.S. for summer break before receiving new I-20.

Summer – Return to China to complete undergraduate degree requirements (or stay in Raleigh if allowed). By end of summer must receive confirmation from home university that met requirements to complete bachelor's degree.

Fall Semester

August – Begin full master's degree program at NC State.

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.*