

### Questions regarding the 3+X application process:

1. Should students submit applications individually, or can the university make a collective application on their behalf?

Applications must come in individually for our system to be able to process them. The university may submit an application on behalf of each student, if they wish.

2. Are the application materials for the 3+X program the same as for the master's degree application? Can any application materials be submitted after the application deadline?

There is no separate 3+X program application. Students should [submit an application](#) for the master's degree they are interested in, and then contact the International Admissions Manager at [hdharden@ncsu.edu](mailto:hdharden@ncsu.edu) to let her know they are interested in the 3+X program. Official transcripts and GRE test scores are not required for 3+X admission; those will be waived upon contacting the International Admissions Manager. Additionally, English language scores do not have to meet the university's requirements - GTI accepts lower scores for the purposes of the 3+X program. Applicants must submit one of the following score minimums:

CET 6: 480

TOEFL: 75 total points

IELTS: 6

Duolingo: 100

All other application materials are the same per the Graduate School requirements and must be submitted by March

1. You can see the timeline and a list of required application materials here:

<https://grad.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/3x-deadlines.pdf>

### Regarding the first semester of the 3+X GTI program:

1. Is it necessary for students to select courses in advance of the semester? How should students enroll?

During the first semester students take one GTI course and three program courses. Students do not have to select their courses for the first semester in advance. Students will be automatically enrolled in the GTI 401 course, which is a requirement of the program, and the academic program will reach out shortly before orientation to assist students in enrolling for the master's level courses. The window of enrollment only opens 30 days before the start of the semester, so the program will reach out during this time.

2. Can you please provide information regarding tuition fees for the first semester, as well as how they can be paid?

For the first 3+X semester, students are charged as undergraduate students, as they are still completing their undergraduate degree at their home university. Tuition and fees can be found here (view the *nonresidents* section at 12+ credit hours): <https://studentservices.ncsu.edu/your-money/tuition-and-fees/undergraduate-students/>.

Additionally, there is a one-time \$500 GTI fee charge. The tuition bill for the first semester can be paid upon arrival.

Once students matriculate into the Master's program, they will be charged at the graduate student tuition rate.

Options for paying your tuition bill through the Cashier's Office can be found here:

<https://studentservices.ncsu.edu/your-money/bill/pay-your-bill/>

3. Can you provide information on how students can arrange for accommodation and daily life in the area during the first semester, as well as the associated costs?

NC State University offers [on-campus housing](#) for students as well as resources for finding [off-campus housing](#) near campus, if that is what the student prefers. The major difference is that on-campus housing is owned by the university and is added to the student's tuition bill at the start of the semester, and off-campus housing is owned by

a third party not associated with the university, and typically paid monthly. Off-campus housing may be less or more expensive than on-campus housing, depending on how close the accommodations are to campus and how many other students you choose to live with. Students must apply in order to live on campus and space is limited, so students should start this process early upon admission. Additional pre-arrival information can be found here:

<https://internationalservices.ncsu.edu/future-students/pre-arrival-information/>

4. How will the credits earned during this semester be certified, and are they applicable to applications to other universities in the United States?

For the first GTI semester students are considered non-degree students at the university, as they are not yet fully admitted to the Master's program. Students will receive a grade in their masters-level courses on a transcript. It is up to other universities if they will accept non-degree credits.

#### **Regarding the application for a master's degree:**

1. For students participating in the 3+X program, what is the process for applying for a master's degree? Do they need to return to their university to finish their undergraduate studies and obtain their bachelor's degree before applying for a master's degree?

Students do not need to return to their undergraduate institution upon completion of the GTI semester, as long as they complete their bachelor's degree requirements from abroad. The Graduate School will confirm with the home institution that the student has successfully completed all bachelor degree requirements during the GTI semester. If so, and if the student successfully completes the GTI semester, the student may be admitted straight into the Master's program for the following semester and remain in the U.S. The only additional materials the student will have to submit for the Master's degree are official transcripts and updated English language scores if the original ones did not meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (which you can see in section B of this webpage:

<http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/graduate-handbook/international-student-admissions/>).

#### **Further Information:**

A landing page for students with more information on the 3+X program can be found here:

<https://grad.ncsu.edu/students/international-students/mou-universities/>

More information will be provided to the student at **international orientation** upon their arrival.