

The Plus program at Stephens College is intended for selected students for whom a master’s degree is sufficient preparation for their career goals, is desirable as a personal goal, or serves as preparation for pursuing a doctorate.

Plus indicates that graduates of Stephens College may complete a graduate program in *as little as one year* following graduation with a bachelor’s degree, under the following conditions:

- 1) The student is approved for the Plus program in the timeline outlined below
- 2) The student takes required graduate level courses as scheduled on degree plan
- 3) The student is accepted into the graduate program during their senior year after successful completion of graduate courses.
- 4) Upon graduation the student becomes a full-time year-round graduate student

Students **are not permitted** to graduate early from an undergraduate degree program and begin the Plus program. For the MBA and MSL the Plus program begins in the first semester senior year. Students must apply for approval according to the chart below:

GRADUATE PROGRAM	Plus Application DUE	Acceptance BY
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	April 1 of Junior year- Must have earned at least 75 credit hours before applying	Residential -Spring Advising Day HIA/GCS-Enrollment Open period
Master in Strategic Leadership (MSL)		

Please Note: Admission to the Plus program is selective and will occur in two phases. To be considered for acceptance to the Plus program a student must have a **3.5 cumulative GPA** at the time she submits her Plus application. Students must earn a B in each graduate course in which they enroll or they will not be eligible for acceptance in the graduate program.

ENTRANCE TO PLUS PROGRAM:

An accomplished academic record, a commitment to pursue graduate study, and a strong endorsement from Stephens College faculty are key elements for successful admission to the Plus program.

To be eligible for Plus consideration a student must:

- be interested in pursuing a graduate program listed above
- have a 3.5 undergraduate cumulative GPA
- secure a positive recommendation from a Stephens College faculty member (use Plus recommendation form)
- obtain approval from your adviser and undergraduate department chair
- Submit an unofficial transcript
- Complete an interview

Process:

- 1) Complete application for acceptance to Plus Program- Immediately email to PlusProgram@stephens.edu for approval to continue the application process. If preliminary approval is granted you will be placed in a Blackboard site where the rest of your materials will be uploaded.
- 2) Request a faculty member to complete and submit the Plus recommendation form and email to PlusProgram@stephens.edu
- 3) Submit completed application and statement of purpose (of 500 words or fewer) indicating why you are pursuing the Plus program and why you should be accepted for a Plus program. Upload to the Blackboard site.
- 4) Complete an online or in person interview with the Chair of Graduate Business programs

If approval is granted, the student will be notified she will be considered a candidate for the Plus track she selected. ***This is not acceptance to the graduate program, nor does this imply acceptance to the graduate program.*** Acceptance to the Plus program allows an undergraduate student to take select graduate coursework as prescribed for the program. At the end of her senior year, the student must apply for formal admission to Graduate and Continuing Studies. Graduate-student status is not established until after the student has received her undergraduate degree and a final transcript has been provided to GCS.

IF APPROVED FOR PLUS PROGRAM:

- Enroll in graduate level courses in your senior year (follow degree plan provided) complete and submit enrollment form (Residential Campus Student Enrollment Request) <http://www.stephens.edu/gcs/new/current-student-res.php>
- HIA/GCS Liberal Arts-enroll online during open enrollment period for the semester you are enrolling
- Residential students must enroll in BUS500-section for Plus students, in either the August or January sessions.
- Apply for acceptance to a graduate program by March 1 of your senior year (must have earned at least a B in all graduate courses taken as an undergraduate. Application is online at <http://www.stephens.edu/gcs>.