

Double Bobcat Pathway Guidelines

Policy for taking graduate courses in undergraduate program.

Current Policy: <https://gcsu.smartcatalogiq.com/current/Graduate-Catalog/Admissions/Non-Degree-Categories/Enrollment-in-Graduate-Classes-by-Undergraduates>

Proposed Double Bobcat Policy

Students admitted to an approved Double Bobcat pathway may take up to 12 semester hours of pre-approved graduate credit as an undergraduate student and apply the credit to both the undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.

Process for formal acceptance into Double Bobcat pathway

Year 1 - Review Double Bobcat options

Year 2 - Start talking to academic advisor and program contact - talking about the pathway, maybe not specific program

Year 3 - Getting admitted to the pathway, not admitted to the graduate program yet

Year 4 - as junior (spring) or senior take up to 12 hours - graduate courses credited toward an undergraduate degree

Year 5 - Get admitted to Georgia College Graduate Program

Applying to the Double Bobcat Pathway

Students will apply to their chosen Double Bobcat pathway through PAWS.

Summer and Fall Admission

Application Due: January 31

Decision Rendered: February 15

Spring Semester Admission

Application Due: September 15

Decision Rendered: October 1

Criteria for acceptance into Double Bobcat Pathway

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA set by the department that houses the graduate program. Applicants should be on track to have completed at least 61 credit hours prior to beginning the Double Bobcats Pathway. Other criteria may vary by program.

Graduate admissions process for accepting Double Bobcat students

The current graduate admission process for each program.

Financial Aid for students in the Double Bobcat Pathway?

HOPE/Zell Miller will apply to graduate courses taken for undergrad degree credit up to the allowed attempted or paid amount of 127 hours.

Standards for what students must maintain to remain in the pathway?

Undergraduate students must maintain Good Academic Standing as noted in the policy: <http://gcsu.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2021-2022/Undergraduate-Catalog/Academic-Policies/Academic-Standing>. Double Bobcat students must make an A or B in all graduate courses to remain eligible for the Double Bobcat program.

Program Pathways

Identify Courses that satisfy undergraduate and graduate program requirements using the 5 year plan. Programs complete the Double Bobcats Pathway Proposal form to complete the process.

When to notify SACSCOC and USG?

Notes from UGA meeting - Change university policies? They had a dual degree policy that allowed for 12 hours- did not get pre-approval from SACS because it met the policy.

Important to SACSCOC, maintain rigor for graduate program and did not dilute program.

Website

[Double Bobcat FAQ](#)

[Description of plans](#)

Undergraduate Admissions page – link to Double Bobcat pathway options

Link to departmental websites with Double Bobcat pathways