BHI Policies and Procedures: Obtaining Graduate Non-Matriculated Status

Taking coursework as a graduate non-matriculated (GNM) student can be a useful way to make a more informed decision about applying to our graduate program. The department only grants GNM status on occasion and usually under special circumstances, as faculty focus their graduate teaching on the substantial population of matriculating graduate students in the department. In a typical year, there are only one or two GNM students in the department.

Purpose of GNM Status

Graduate Non-matriculated (GNM) status is a classification for post-baccalaureate students who are not seeking a graduate degree at the present time. As such, international students requiring a student (F-1) visa and current holders of F-2 (dependent) or B-1 visitor visas are not eligible for GNM status. *While you do not need to have GNM status to register for a graduate-level class, you must have it in order to apply the credits to a graduate degree at the University of Washington should you later be admitted as a graduate student.* By contrast, courses taken either as a post-baccalaureate student (those seeking a second bachelor's degree) or as a non-matriculated student cannot be applied to graduate degree requirements.

The GNM application process is distinct from the regular graduate program application process and GNM status does not influence decisions about admission into the Biomedical and Health Informatics graduate program.

Limitations of GNM Status

A maximum of 12 GNM credits may be applied toward a graduate degree. While a GNM student is permitted to take more than 12 credits, this is the maximum number of credits that may be later applied toward a graduate degree. GNM students are admitted to the Biomedical and Health Informatics Graduate Program for a maximum of three consecutive quarters of study.

Application Deadlines

- **Autumn quarter entry – September 1**
- **Winter quarter entry – December 1**
- **Spring quarter entry - February 15**.

We do not accept GNM applications for summer quarter entry.

GNM Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 or B grade point average (on a 4 point scale) for the last 90 graded quarter credits or 60 graded semester credits
- Bachelor's degree
- English language proficiency (ELP) is required for graduate study at the University of Washington. Every applicant whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency as outlined in [Graduate School Policy 3.2](#). Our department accepts only TOEFL scores that must be 102 or greater.

GNM Application Requirements

GNM applications must be submitted through the Graduate School [online application website](). The following documents are required as part of the application:

- **Unofficial transcripts** from each institution from which you received a degree of Bachelor or higher.

- **Personal statement (1-2 pages) that addresses the following:**
    - Why you are interested in taking classes as a non-matriculated student.
    - If you are planning to apply to our MS or PhD program in the future.
    - Prior education or work/research experience related to biomedical health informatics.
    - How your background (academic or research) has prepared you for coursework in our department.

- **Resume or curriculum vitae**

- **Letters of recommendation** are not requested.

Additional Information

Additional information on GNM status at the UW may be found on the [Graduate School website](). If you have questions specifically about our department, email [bhigradp@uw.edu]().