

Non Degree Seeking (NDS) Information Session

A Flexible Pathway to Explore Graduate Coursework



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What We'll Cover

Today we will review:

- **What NDS is** (and what it is not)
- **How NDS works** at UArizona
- **Key policies** to know
- **When NDS make sense**
- **Next steps**



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What is Non-Degree Seeking?

Take graduate-level courses without full degree admission.

- Bachelor's degree required
- No minimum GPA to apply
- Must maintain a 3.0 graduate GPA



How It Works

Apply through the Graduate Application Portal (GradApp).

- Apply at least one week before classes begin
- Register for courses through UAccess
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester



Credit & Future Admission

Earn graduate credit now, apply it later.

- Up to 12 units may transfer to a master's degree (after admission)
- Up to 6 units may transfer to a graduate certificate
- Build a stronger academic profile before applying



When Might NDS Make Sense?

NDS might be right for you if:

- You want to strengthen your academic profile
- You want to demonstrate graduate readiness
- You are exploring a new field
- You want to begin coursework before formally applying



Example Scenario

2.8↓ undergraduate GPA

Enroll in NDS

Complete 2 graduate LIS courses

Earn a 3.7 graduate GPA

Apply with stronger academic evidence




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Next Steps

Ready to explore NDS?

- Review the Graduate College NDS webpage 
- Schedule an appointment 