

Cal Poly MS Aerospace Engineering – Blended Application Process

The following outlines the two steps for admission to the Aerospace Engineering Blended Program.

Step One: Blended Programs Application Approval Form

The blended program application may be completed at any time prior to finishing your undergraduate degree, but is most commonly done the beginning of senior year. The requirements are:

Requirement 1: A GPA of 3.000 or higher for the last 90 units attempted. This may include transfer credits if applicable. This is a hard cut-off, there will be no rounding applied.

Requirement 2: Agreement from a tenured or tenure-track aerospace faculty member to be the thesis advisor.

Requirement 3: A short (4-5 sentence) summary of the proposed project agreed upon by the thesis advisor.

To apply:

1. Send an email to the aerospace engineering department graduate coordinator with the name of the thesis advisor and the short thesis project summary. Copy the thesis advisor to this email.
2. Submit the online Blended Programs Application Approval Form available through the Cal Poly Graduate Education website. In filling out this form, take care to include the correct approvers (if not pre-populated on the form); the Graduate Education website will list the correct approver for the College of Engineering. For Graduate Coordinator (not your thesis advisor) list, Aaron Drake, agdrake@calpoly.edu, and for Department Head, list David Marshall, ddmarsha@calpoly.edu.
3. Once all signatures have been applied, you will get confirmation of the forms completion (acceptance).

Completion of this application does not constitute recognition of graduate standing. It simply approves proceeding to the second step of the application process.

Step Two: Post-baccalaureate Change of Objective Form

To transition to graduate standing and be able to enroll in graduate classes and thesis units, a Post-baccalaureate Change of Objective form must be completed. The following requirements must be met:

Requirement 1: A previously submitted and approved Blended Programs Application Approval Form

Requirement 2: A GPA of 3.000 or higher for the last 90 units attempted. This may include transfer credits if applicable. This is a hard cut-off, there will be no rounding applied.

Requirement 3: Completion of the Graduate Writing Requirement (GWR)

Requirement 4: Completion of at least 91% undergraduate degree applicable units

Requirement 5: Completion of less than 100% of undergraduate degree applicable units

This form must be submitted no later than during the first few weeks of the last quarter of undergraduate classes (see the Graduate Education website for the specific deadline). If all undergraduate degree units are completed prior to this form being submitted, enrollment in the blended program will not be possible.