

# 4+1 B.S., Environmental Studies to M.A., Teaching

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## **4+1 Accelerated B.S. in Environmental Studies/Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) and Teacher Certification**

The Environmental Studies MAT 4+1 program has *three tracks*:

Environmental Studies, B.S., Environmental Science Concentration; or  
Environmental Studies, B.S., Aquatic Science Concentration; or  
Environmental Studies, B.S., Sustainable Agriculture and Resource Management Concentration

Current Shepherd University undergraduate students may be eligible for the Accelerated 4+1 Bachelor's/Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree program and select up to four graduate courses (maximum of 12 graduate credits). Students reduce the number of hours required to complete the bachelor's degree by the number of graduate hours they complete. The courses also count toward the fulfillment of the necessary hours for the M.A.T. degree. Students must earn at least a 'C' grade on graduate courses to matriculate into the degree program and maintain an overall GPA of 3.0.

A student may apply to the Accelerated 4+1 Bachelor's/M.A.T. program when:

- 75 undergraduate hours are completed with a minimum overall GPA of 2.75 OR
- 60 undergraduate hours are completed with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0,
- Content courses completed with a minimum GPA of 2.5, and
- Grade of 'C' or better is received in COMM 202, ENGL 101, and ENGL 102.

All students will work closely with their undergraduate advisor and the M.A.T. program coordinator to make sure they are selecting coursework that covers both degree requirements. Each semester, an Accelerated 4+1 Bachelor's/M.A.T. registration form requiring both the undergraduate and graduate advisors' signatures for enrollment in graduate level classes is required prior to the undergraduate graduation. This form should be turned into the Graduate Studies Office, and a copy will be sent to the Registrar to authorize course registration at the appropriate level and assign waivers to undergraduate requirements once the graduate course is satisfactorily completed.

Additionally, students are encouraged to meet with the University's Financial Aid Office since financial assistance (whether in the form of grants, scholarships, loans, etc.) is unique to each student/family situation.

Graduate coursework/credit will appear ONLY on the graduate transcript, and graduate course grades will be calculated at the graduate level. The undergraduate transcript will indicate that graduate courses were used to fulfill the undergraduate requirement(s). Each degree is awarded once the specific degree requirements are successfully met.

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