There are many paths to earning a graduate degree at FAU. Here are some routes you can take to earn your graduate degree:

**Accelerated Pathways**
- Combined Degrees (Bachelor’s to Master’s)
- Program Plan with Summer Classes

**Carnesha Thompson (3+1)**
FAU B.S.W. in Social Work 3 years, M.S.W. in Social Work 1 year, FAU softball team
Combined Degrees

The University offers combined bachelor’s to master’s degrees which allow you to take graduate courses in your senior year that count towards your master’s degree. In some areas you can earn a master’s degree in only one year.

COLLEGES OFFERING COMBINED BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S DEGREES

- Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
- College of Business
- College of Engineering and Computer Science
- College for Design and Social Inquiry

More colleges offering combined bachelor’s to master’s programs are coming soon!

Program Plan with Summer Classes

Taking coursework as an undergraduate in the summer can place you on an accelerated pathway toward earning your bachelor’s degree and allow you to begin your master’s degree sooner.

GRADUATE SCHOOL TIPS FROM SHALOM OGBONDA (3+2)

FAU B.A. in Psychology 3 years, M.H.A. in Health Administration 2 years, FAU football team

- Have a plan! Know which courses you need to take to graduate on time.
- Meet with your professors during office hours.
- Find a quiet place to study, free from distractions, such as the library.
- Manage your time wisely. Without proper time management, I would not be able to maintain my responsibilities to the football team and my graduate courses.
What funding is available for my Pathway to Graduate Education?

**BRIGHT FUTURES**
Did you know you may be eligible to use your Bright Futures scholarship towards graduate school? Florida Academic Scholars earning a baccalaureate degree in seven semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in credit hours) may receive funding for one term of graduate study (up to 15 semester hours) paid at the undergraduate rate.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**
Graduate Assistantships provide paid learning opportunities for graduate students that will prepare them for their future careers. Benefits can include a partial or full tuition waiver and an hourly stipend. You can be mentored by professors and other experts as you teach university classes, work in a lab, or participate in other learning opportunities beneficial to your career. Approximately one in four graduate students receive assistantships and fellowships.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**
Numerous fellowships and awards are available for graduate students. Fellowships can be university awarded, federally funded, or offered by external organizations.

**MILITARY BENEFITS**
Current policy limits tuition assistance to 130 semester hours of undergraduate credit or baccalaureate degree (whichever comes first) and 39 semester hours of graduate credit or master’s degree (whichever comes first). The 39 semester hour limit applies to all credits taken after completion of a baccalaureate degree.

**FINANCIAL AID**
Graduate and undergraduate students may also be eligible for financial aid, such as grants, loans, and work study.
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