



Accelerated Graduate Program Policy (Bachelor's - Master's)

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

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Accelerated Graduate Programs allow superior students to earn, upon completion of all requirements for each degree, both a bachelor's and a master's degree. The Accelerated Graduate Programs allow students to apply graduate level courses toward both bachelor's and master's degrees thereby reducing the time it would normally take to earn the degrees sequentially.

- **Accelerated Graduate Program Requirements:** Each of the graduate colleges/departments administering an Accelerated Graduate Program will outline their program using a standard format. Each academic unit should identify GPA/test requirements, number of hours to complete both the bachelor's and master's degrees, course requirements and when the degrees will be earned.
- **Accelerated Graduate Program Interest Form:** This form will be used to identify students who express an interest in an Accelerated Graduate Program. This information will be recorded in Banner (OASIS) in the Interest, Attribute, or Activity field, based on Graduate School/departmental requirements. This data can be tracked, as appropriate, for program specific recruitment and marketing.
- **Accelerated Graduate Program Application:** The application may be submitted by the junior year, but not later than the beginning of the senior year. Prior to submitting the application, students should meet with a financial aid representative regarding changes to their financial aid eligibility, and with the academic advisor regarding program requirements which will occur as a result of the change from undergraduate to graduate standing. Once a student has been formally accepted, and the student has earned at least 90 credit hours (120 for the MAT), the student's level/status will be changed from undergraduate to graduate standing. All courses taken while classified as an undergraduate student will be applied towards their undergraduate GPA. All courses taken after their level/status has been changed to graduate standing will be applied towards their graduate GPA.
- **Voluntary Withdrawal Form:** Following discussion with a graduate faculty academic advisor, a student may formally withdraw from an Accelerated Graduate Program by filling out the Graduate Voluntary Withdrawal Form. Students who elect to withdraw from an Accelerated Graduate Program should consult with representatives in the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Financial Aid to determine the impact of withdrawing from the program. If the student has met all of the undergraduate requirements for the degree, the student may request certification to receive the bachelor's degree.
- **Degree Award:** Accelerated Graduate Programs will be encouraged to implement a standard procedure of awarding the bachelor's degree following successful completion of all undergraduate requirements (typically 120 earned hours); however, it may be awarded prior to/simultaneously with the master's degree. Master's degrees will be awarded following successful completion of all requirements for the master's degree. Each degree requires a separate application for conferment of the degree.

Accelerated Graduate Program Descriptions and Codes

Program	Description	College	Degree	Major	Dept.	Attribute
Chemistry	BA/MA (3 plus 2 – awards simultaneous degrees)	AS	000000	CBM	CHM	MCBM
Mathematics	BA/MA (3 plus 2 – awards simultaneous degrees)	AS	000000	MBM	MTH	MMBM
Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling	BA/MA (3 plus 2 a accelerates to the MA)	BC	MS	REF	REH	MREF
Speech-Language Pathology (INACTIVE)	BA/MA (3 plus 2 accelerates to the MA)	AS	MS	SPF	CSD	MSPF
Special Education, Varying Exceptionalities	BS/MA (3 plus 2 – awards simultaneous degrees)	ED	MA	AVE	EDS	MAVE
Engineering	(3 plus 2 may be mapped to any Engineering program - awards simultaneous degree)	EN	000000	EGG	*see below	MEGG
Nursing	BS/MS (UG with an AS in Nursing progressing toward the MS in Nursing – awards simultaneous degrees)	NR	000000	NAS	NUR	MNAS
Public Health	Concentrations in Public Health Education admits UG students at 90 hours, PHC, and accelerates to the master degree	PH	MPH	MPH	DEA	MMPH
Architecture	AA/MARC (2 plus 3 accelerated to the M.Arc. degree)	FA	MARC	ARC	ARC	MARC

*Engineering Department: (select one)

- ECH: Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
- EGX: Civil and Environmental Engineering
- ESB: Computer Science and Engineering
- EGS: Industrial and Management Systems Engineering
- EGE: Electrical Engineering
- EGR: Mechanical Engineering

Joint Accelerated Graduate Program Descriptions and Codes

College/Program	Description	College	Degree	Major	Dept.	Attribute
Interdisciplinary Natural Science (College of AS)	Science Education (College of ED)	ED	MAT	TSC	DEA	MTIN
Interdisciplinary Social Science (College of AS)	Social Science Education (College of ED)	ED	MAT	TSS	DEA	MTIS
Foreign Language-French (College of AS)	Foreign Language Education (College of ED)	ED	MAT	TFL	DEA	MTFR
Foreign Language-Spanish (College of AS)	Foreign Language Education (College of ED)	ED	MAT	TFL	DEA	MTSP
College of Arts & Science and College of Business	BS/MA (3 plus 2 – awards simultaneous degrees) (3 plus 2 may be mapped to most UG departments in AS and awards a BA or BS & MBA simultaneously)	BA	MBA	BUS	DEA	MBUS

NOTE:

College of Medicine also has an accelerated program agreement with the Honors College but the BA is awarded after the 4th year then the student accelerates to the 2nd year as a medical student (MD degree).