



Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's (AB2M) Degree Programs Application and Acknowledgment of Program Requirements

Colleges with existing Master's degree programs may offer an accelerated undergraduate to graduate degree program (designated as an Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program) allowing qualified undergraduate students to register for graduate level credit hours as undergraduates and receive dual credit toward both undergraduate and graduate degrees within the designated programs that comprise the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program. Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Programs are designed as continuous combined programs with a seamless transition from the Bachelor's degree program into the Master's degree program.

Each Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program will establish the number of credit hours to receive dual credit subject to approval by Academic Affairs and the Graduate College through the normal University curricular approval process. A maximum of twelve graduate level credit hours can be double counted towards the Bachelor's degree and the Master's degree. AB2M students may enroll in no more than six graduate-level credit hours in any given semester.

Each Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program will establish the selection criteria for students to qualify; these criteria are subject to approval by Academic Affairs and the Graduate College through the normal University curricular approval process. These criteria may vary by program. The criteria stated here are the minimum required by the university; the student is responsible for referring to each program's specific criteria to ensure eligibility.

Students may apply for admission into the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program in their Junior year; however, they must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours towards their Bachelor's degree connected to the AB2M program and have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better in those undergraduate courses to be eligible for admission into the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program. Once approved the student will be conditionally admitted into the graduate program.

The curriculum will follow the existing curriculum in the undergraduate and graduate degree programs comprising the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program. Selected 5000 and 6000 level courses in the graduate program will be eligible for dual credit both in the undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Students in Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Programs will apply for graduation with the Bachelor's degree on the schedule delineated in the undergraduate catalog and will receive their bachelor's degree upon completion of all the requirements for the undergraduate degree. The Master's degree will be awarded when the student has completed the remaining requirements for the graduate degree.

Upon the completion of Bachelor's degree requirements, students will be accepted into the Graduate College at a status consistent with the Graduate College and individual program guidelines. Students must meet all the graduate requirements for dual credit courses to receive graduate credit for these courses to contribute toward their Master's degree. Only grades B or better will count toward graduate credit. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA while completing the accelerated program.

All other general requirements for the Bachelor's and Master's degree programs that comprise an Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program apply and must be satisfied.

These guidelines represent a minimum standard. Individual graduate programs may establish more stringent guidelines as well as additional requirements not specifically precluded in this document with the approval of the Graduate College and Academic Affairs.

Individual departments/programs may have their own guidelines/expectations beyond what is mentioned above. Additional expectations for your program include:

Additional program expectations (beyond what is already listed in this application) should be typed here.

I, (STUDENT NAME), understand the following: (initial each box)

____ ...I need to meet with my academic advisor to ensure the class schedule/rollout I am planning to take matches my graduation requirements and anticipated graduation date.

____ ... because the AB2M program allows for course substitutions to help accelerate the time it takes to complete my Master's degree, the courses I take to complete the AB2M program may not transfer to degree programs outside of ATU.

____ ...graduate level courses are not the same as undergraduate courses in structure or content and require different (often more) time and work than undergraduate classes.

____ ...if I am receiving financial aid, the courses I take as a part of the AB2M program are covered by my financial aid.

____ ...graduate courses have a different tuition rate than undergraduate courses, and I will be charged the graduate rate for any graduate courses I take as an AB2M student.

____ ...I must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.0 or better throughout my time as an AB2M student

____ ...if I earn a 'C' grade (or lower) in a graduate level course, I will be removed from the AB2M program, which means I will no longer be able to take graduate-level courses that count toward my undergraduate degree AND I will no longer be automatically accepted into a graduate program (and thus must apply to a graduate program via the traditional pathway upon completion of my Bachelor's degree). If I earn a 'C' grade (or lower), the grade will appear on both my undergraduate and graduate transcripts. For graduate programs, a maximum of six (6) hours of courses with the grades of "C" may be applied to degree requirements. Graduate students must have a grade point average of 3.0 or better in order to be admitted to candidacy.

_____ ...until the Bachelor's degree is obtained, I understand that I must abide by the undergraduate policies for financial aid, probation, suspension, and clemency. Once the Bachelor's degree has been conferred, I must abide by the graduate policies for financial aid, probation, suspension, and clemency.

Student Name: _____

T#: _____

Student ATU email address: _____

Desired AB2M program: _____

Date: _____

Undergraduate Advisor: _____

Date: _____

*Graduate Advisor: _____

Date: _____

Graduate College Dean: _____

*the Graduate Program Director must complete the electronic course substitution form, indicating which graduate classes the student will be taking and the undergraduate courses for which they will be substituted