



University Policy

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Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Programs

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 should be 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.

Each Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program will establish the selection criteria for students to qualify subject to approval by Academic Affairs and the Graduate College through the normal University curricular approval process. Students seeking admission into the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program must have completed a minimum of 90 credit hours towards their Bachelor's degree and have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.25 or better in those undergraduate courses to be eligible for admission into the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree 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 level courses in the graduate program will be eligible for dual credit in the undergraduate degree program.

Upon the completion of Bachelor's degree requirements, students can elect to permanently leave the Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program at any time and earn only the Bachelor's degree. Once the Bachelor's degree is granted, students will have the same access requirements to regular graduate programs as any other student. However, an Accelerated Bachelor's Plus Master's Degree Program would not be available to anyone who has been granted a Bachelor's degree.

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.