

Academic Policy Accelerated Bachelors to Masters

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- A. Purpose:** To facilitate undergraduate students getting early admission to a first professional master's degree program (limited to specific programs).
- B. Policy:** The accelerated program permits qualified undergraduate students with at least junior standing and a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 to take graduate coursework in order to get an early start on the master's program. A student must apply and be accepted into an accelerated program prior to enrollment in any graduate course(s).

Course selection is limited to courses that have been approved for the accelerated program. Students are limited to a maximum of 6 credits at the graduate level in a term.

Grades earned in graduate courses taken as an undergraduate in an accelerated program will be counted in the undergraduate grade point average. The courses taken as part of the accelerated program will also count towards the cumulative grade point average on the graduate transcript.

Students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 to remain in the accelerated program. Failure to demonstrate adequate progress in graduate courses, as defined by the department, or failure to maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average will result in a student being ineligible to continue in the accelerated program.

C. Procedures:

- a. Students should meet with the graduate program coordinator regarding their interest in the accelerated program.
- b. Student completes the application for accelerated bachelor's program and acquires appropriate signatures.
- c. Student applies to graduate program and submits all documentation needed for admission decision.

- d. Completed and signed form should be submitted to the Registrar's Office, 148 Becht Hall.
- e. Student contacts Registrar's Office via email each semester to indicate graduate course(s) that is being taken for the term.
- f. Graduate credits and grade are entered on the graduate transcript after the student has received full admission and started their graduate program.

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