

AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degrees

The university offers a number of combined bachelor's and accelerated master's degree programs for academically-strong undergraduates with a commitment to advanced their education in a specialized field of study. Admitted students may obtain both a bachelor's and a master's degree after satisfactory completion of at least 138 credits (total number of required credits depends on the requirements of both the undergraduate and graduate programs).

AP.6.7.1 Application and Admission Application to accelerated master's degree programs should be made once the student has earned at least 60 credits. The graduate application fee is waived. Admission is competitive and must be approved by the designated administrator(s) or equivalent within both the student's undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

AP.6.7.2 Coursework Requirements After admission and successful completion of 75 approved undergraduate credits, accelerated master's students may complete up to 12 credits of approved advanced standing graduate coursework in their field of study. Students must earn a minimum grade of B in each of the approved graduate courses. These credits can apply to both the undergraduate and the graduate degrees. All required graduate course prerequisites must be completed prior to enrollment. While still in undergraduate status, a maximum of 6 additional graduate credits, which cannot apply to the undergraduate degree, may be taken as

reserve graduate credit and applied to the master's degree program. Reserve graduate credits do not apply to the undergraduate degree. Each pathway must offer a curated list of courses in order to maintain the integrity of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Completion of the bachelor's accelerated master's degree requires that **all university requirements for the master's degree** are met, including the institutional credit requirement.

For more information on undergraduate students who want to enroll in graduate courses, see [AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates](#).

AP.6.7.3 Timeline Requirements Accelerated master's students must graduate from their undergraduate program in the semester specified on their transition form for the accelerated degree program. In addition to applying for graduation, students in the accelerated programs must submit a transition form [\(add link\)](#) at the beginning of their final undergraduate semester. This form must be approved by the designated administrator(s) or equivalent from the student's undergraduate program and the intended graduate program. Changes to the timeline for conferral of the undergraduate degree must receive written approval by the graduate program director. Students are required to enroll in the related master's program in the fall or spring semester that immediately follows the term of undergraduate degree conferral. Students must abide by all timelines outlined in each specific program. Failure to enter the graduate program in accordance with specified

timelines will result in forfeiture of graduate advanced standing courses earned under the undergraduate status.

AP.6.7.4 Instructions for International Students F-1 and J-1 students must request a change of program level and an updated form I-20/DS-2019 at the time they move from the undergraduate to graduate level of study. Funding for the additional time in F-1 or J-1 status also must be documented as required by federal immigration regulations.