

The Accelerated Master's (AM) Degree offers the opportunity for outstanding students to begin earning credit toward a master's degree while still pursuing undergraduate studies. Our accelerated programs allow a student to complete a master's in less time and at a lower-than-average cost. The main feature of the program is that, while completing their undergraduate study, students may earn up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit that counts as dual credit for both the baccalaureate and master's degrees.

Minimum Requirements

AM students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.2 to be conditionally admitted into a master's degree program. Students may not enroll in graduate courses until they have 1) completed all requirements for the Core Curriculum; 2) completed a minimum of 90 hours of undergraduate work, including at least 15 hours of upper-level courses in the major; and 3) been conditionally admitted to a master's program.

Conditional admission does not guarantee full admission to the program. Minimum criteria for full admission to the graduate program are:

1. Conferral of the baccalaureate degree;
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00; and
3. Satisfaction of all requirements for admission to the graduate program (entrance test scores, statement of purpose, recommendations, etc.).

NOTE: Individual departments may require additional criteria, including a higher admission GPA.

Minimum Guidelines

1. An updated undergraduate plan of study, outlining all requirements for baccalaureate degree completion and listing the graduate courses that will be posted to the baccalaureate transcript, must be approved by the student's academic advisor.
2. Before an undergraduate AM student may register for graduate courses, an AM Application Form indicating the courses to be taken for graduate credit must be approved by the College, the Department, and the Graduate School.
3. **Graduate Coursework:**
 - a. AM students may apply a maximum of 12 graduate hours to the baccalaureate degree, depending on the graduate program. Graduate coursework in the following areas will not count in the AM program toward the baccalaureate degree: travel study, independent study/project/research, directed study, directed readings, practicum, internships, other field-based placement, or thesis;
 - b. Grades earned in graduate-level courses must meet the minimum GPA required by the Graduate School of 3.00. Graduate courses in which a GPA is less than 3.00 may be counted towards satisfaction of the bachelor's degree but not towards the master's;
 - c. To remain in an AM degree program, the student must maintain at least a 3.00 overall GPA in graduate coursework.
4. The graduate hours taken to fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements will be fully transferrable to the master's degree and will show on both the graduate and undergraduate transcripts.

5. The baccalaureate degree must be awarded following the completion of the undergraduate degree requirements and at least two semesters before the graduate degree is awarded.
6. If an AM student requests admission to any other master's program (or does not complete the approved master's degree within the prescribed time), the joint hours posted to the graduate transcript will be removed.

Graduate programs are invited to develop guidelines for recruiting undergraduates into an AM degree program and for guiding students admitted to the program. Following the minimum guidelines above, proposals must:

1. Designate at what point students may apply for the degree program
2. Define admission requirements to the AM program as an undergraduate (GPA, completion of specific courses, etc.);
3. Stipulate the number of graduate hours (12 maximum) and graduate courses that may be applied to the baccalaureate degree;
4. Notate graduate courses that will satisfy both degree requirements with an asterisk on the 5-year Plan of Study;
5. Designate at what point a student must satisfy all admissions requirements (including GPA and satisfactory completion of the GRE and/or GMAT) and apply for full admission to the graduate program;
6. Specify deviations from the standard undergraduate program and the standard graduate program;
7. Outline plans for providing the student with the advising necessary for program success;
8. Describe contingency plans for students who do not finish the master's degree;
9. Indicate, if applicable, whether AM students will follow thesis or non-thesis option.

AM proposals must be approved through the regular curriculum process:

Department > College Courses & Curricula Committee > University Courses and Curriculum Committee
> Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.



REQUIREMENTS TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE

General Education Requirements			
Course Name/ #	Credit Hours	Course Name/#	Credit Hours
Total			

Other Requirements			
Course Name/ #	Credit Hours	Course Name/#	Credit Hours
Total			

Major Requirements			
Course Name/ #	Credit Hours	Course Name/#	Credit Hours
Total			

Graduate Requirements			
Course Name/ #	Credit Hours	Course Name/#	Credit Hours
Total			
Total Credit Hours Required			



5 Year Plan of Study			
First Year of Enrollment			
First Term		Second Term	
Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours	Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours
Total Hours			
Second Year of Enrollment			
First Term		Second Term	
Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours	Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours
Total Hours			
Third Year of Enrollment			
First Term		Second Term	
Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours	Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours
Total Hours			
Fourth Year of Enrollment			
First Term		Second Term	
Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours	Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours
Total Hours			
Total Degree Hours			
Fifth Year of Enrollment			
First Term		Second Term	
Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours	Course Prefix & Number	Credit Hours
Total Hours			
Total Degree Hours			

Signatures represent approval. Signatures by the department chair and courses and curricula committee chairs certify that the proposal was discussed and approved by a majority of the voting members of the department or committee.

_____ Department Chair	_____ Date	_____ University Courses and Curricula Chair	_____ Date
_____ College Courses and Curricula Chair	_____ Date	_____ Provost	_____ Date
_____ College Dean	_____ Date		

Submit one signed copy to the Office of Academic Affairs and one electronic copy to uccc@uno.edu