# ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S PROGRAMS















### Why the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's?

Bowling Green State University has a growing number of master's degree programs that can be achieved in a 5th year through the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program. Participating in an Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program provides the opportunity for students to complete both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an efficient and effective format. Undergraduate students who apply to and have received early acceptance into a master's degree program will be considered Accelerated Students until they have completed their Bachelor's degree.

Students enrolled in designated Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's programs with Accelerated status will pay tuition at the undergraduate rate through the completion of the bachelor's degree. Under the **Falcon Tuition Guarantee**, this benefit continues after participants are coded as graduate students until their cohort period expires. Thereafter, students pay the graduate rate for tuition and fees.

#### What are the advantages?

- Apply for early admission to select graduate programs
- Start taking graduate courses as an undergraduate student
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and graduate application fee waived for most programs
- Students pay the undergraduate tuition rate while taking graduate courses until their Falcon Tuition Guarantee eligibility expires
- Earn your bachelor's and master's degrees in as little as five years



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### **BGSU Graduate College**

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### **Admissions Requirements**

Students interested in pursuing an Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's program should see the program specific website for additional guidelines and expectations for application. However, for all programs, students may consider applying to a master's degree program who have at least met the following qualifications:

- 1. By the start of Accelerated status, either:
  - 75 credit hours earned and an overall BGSU GPA of at least 3.2, or
  - 90 credit hours earned and an overall BGSU GPA of at least 3.0;
- 2. A completed Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program Application;
- Copies of official transcripts from all universities attended; (Applicants do not need to request BGSU transcripts)
- 4. At least one letter of recommendation from a full-time BGSU faculty member, preferably from graduate faculty within the student's major or targeted graduate program. (Individual programs may require more)

#### **Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Guidelines**

**Student Status:** Participants are classified as undergraduate students with Accelerated status until earning the bachelor's degree. Upon completion of the baccalaureate, the student classification is changed to graduate. No additional application is required.

**Credit Hour & Curriculum:** Students should check individual program websites for any additional program-specific credit hour policies.

- 1. Accelerated students may take up to 9 credit hours of graduate credit.
- 2. Students may overlap up to a maximum of 9 credit hours for both the bachelor's and master's degrees. However, the ability to apply credit hours to both is influenced by the curriculum of each program.
- 3. The total number of unique hours required for the completed accelerated bachelor's and master's degrees must be greater than or equal to 141 hours. Students must meet the minimum required graduate credit hours approved for their program.
- 4. Accelerated students may enroll in 5000 and 6000 level graduate classes only (not 7000).
- 5. The majority of these programs have a non-thesis option in order to complete the degree in one additional year to the bachelor's degree.



## **Current Accelerated Programs:**

- Analytics
- Applied Geospatial Science
- Architecture
- Athletic Training
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- European Studies
- Financial Economics
- Food and Nutrition
- Forensic Science
- German
- Health Services Administration
- History
- Mathematics
- Media and Communication
- Music Theory
- Public Administration
- Spanish
- Special Education: Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Special Education: Secondary Transition
- Technology Management

Additional programs are being added regularly. Please visit the Graduate College website for the most up-to-date list.

