

Statement of Intent to Enter an Accelerated Graduate Program

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The Accelerated Graduate Program allows exceptional undergraduate students at Murray State the opportunity to complete the requirements for both their bachelor's and master's degrees at an accelerated pace – typically with just one additional year. Applicants to this program must meet the following criteria:

- current MSU undergraduate student
- earned at least 90 undergraduate credit hours (students who have completed all baccalaureate degree requirements are not eligible)
- completed the majority of major courses required for the undergraduate degree as determined by the department offering the 4+1 program
- undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 at the time of application

Additional program-specific requirements for graduate admission may exist.

This form must be completed, approved, and submitted to the Office of the Registrar at least 30 days prior to the start of your first participating semester. Forms submitted after the deadline will be returned. Students who miss the deadline, but would like to be considered for a future start date, must revise and resubmit this form with updated course and semester data.

Qualified students who are seeking admission to an accelerated graduate program may take advantage of various benefits, including fewer total credit hours to earn a degree, cost savings, and undergraduate level tuition/scholarships/financial aid for portions of a master's program.

MSU ID: M _____ Name: _____
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By signing below, the student certifies the following:

- I intend to enter the Accelerated Graduate Program to complete both a baccalaureate degree and a master's degree in:

- I currently have an undergraduate GPA of _____.
- I have completed and/or enrolled in at least _____ hours of undergraduate coursework.
- I understand I must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of _____ to remain in the Accelerated Graduate Program. Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative graduate GPA to remain in good standing. Failure to maintain the minimum required GPA may result in dismissal from the Accelerated Graduate Program. See the university bulletin for detailed information.
- I understand I must complete the credit hours necessary for my undergraduate area/major confirmed by my *RACR* degree audit for my catalog year, and also complete any additional requirements for my baccalaureate degree including a second major or minor (if applicable) and general education curriculum.
- I understand the baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 undergraduate credit hours and the master's degree requires a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours. A maximum of 12 MSU graduate credit hours (Accelerated Program Credit) may be applied toward both the baccalaureate and master's degrees.
- I understand the baccalaureate degree must be awarded at least one semester prior to completion of the master's degree and that I must apply for graduation for both degrees by the posted deadlines found on myGate.
- I understand I may take a maximum of 12 MSU graduate credit hours (Accelerated Program Credit) while classified as an undergraduate student.
- I understand courses completed for Accelerated Program Credit will not appear on my graduate-level

academic record (transcript) until I have graduated from the approved baccalaureate degree and officially enrolled in the approved graduate-level program.

- I understand I must enroll in the approved graduate-level degree program within two years of graduation from the approved undergraduate degree for the Accelerated Program Credit to be applied to my graduate-level academic record (transcript).
- I understand grades earned in Accelerated Program Credit will count in both the undergraduate and graduate degrees and cumulative GPAs once I have enrolled as a graduate-level student in the approved graduate program.
- I understand I will not be eligible to earn graduate Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit for the graduate degree associated with this 4+1 program.
- I understand I will not be eligible to apply transfer graduate-level credit from another institution towards the approved graduate-level program.
- I may officially apply to the graduate program at any time, but no later than my last semester in my baccalaureate program. I will not be able to enroll in additional graduate courses as an undergraduate student beyond the maximum of 12 MSU graduate credit hours allowed by the Accelerated Graduate Program.
- While completing my baccalaureate degree, I will be considered an undergraduate student and assessed undergraduate tuition fees. Financial aid and scholarship opportunities may be available. Financial aid and scholarship eligibility is determined by the Student Financial Services Office and based on courses required for my baccalaureate degree. After I have completed all baccalaureate degree requirements, I must be admitted as a graduate student in the master's program and will no longer qualify for undergraduate classification for any purpose. Once admitted to the master's program, I will be assessed graduate fees for all courses, regardless of course level. As a graduate student, my financial aid and scholarships will be based on graduate status.
- I understand if I am dismissed or I voluntarily drop out of the accelerated graduate program, I will not be eligible to use the Accelerated Program Credit toward any graduate degree; however, the courses will continue to apply toward the undergraduate degree.
- I understand the enrolled graduate courses must be indicated on the Accelerated Graduate Program Credit Approval form and comply with the Statement of Intent to Enter an Accelerated Graduate Program. **Only courses which are required to complete the undergraduate degree will be used to determine financial aid eligibility each semester.**
- I understand that I must discuss my course schedule with my academic advisors; complete the pre-registration verification form on myGate each semester; register for all undergraduate courses; obtain any prerequisite/closed class overrides needed for the graduate courses; and submit the Accelerated Graduate Program Course Registration Worksheet online by noon (12:00PM CST) on the last day to add the class. See the Academic Calendar for specific deadline dates.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office of the Registrar/Graduate Admissions Use Only:		
UG GPA @ time of intent: _____	Hrs earned/enr @ time of intent: _____	Majority Mjr complete: Y or N
SGASADD attribute added: _____	2nd Advisor added: _____	Applied for UG degree: Y or N
Admitted as GR student: _____	GR Start Term: _____	SHATCKN Level Updated: Y or N

Accelerated Graduate Program Credit Approval

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SECTION 1: Must be completed by the academic program

The following MSU graduate courses are approved to apply toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. A maximum of 12 credit hours is allowed. Changes to these courses require a new form to be submitted and reapproved. Only courses which are required to complete the undergraduate degree will be used to determine financial aid eligibility.

MSU Graduate Course Prefix & Number	Hours	Substitute this graduate course for the following undergraduate degree requirement listed in section one	Course needed for UG degree (Registrar Use Only)	Semester/Year Taken (Registrar Use Only)	Grade Received (Registrar Use Only)

SECTION 2: Must be completed by the student and Student Financial Services.

I certify that I have received financial counseling regarding billing and eligibility factors for financial aid, grants, MSU employee/dependent tuition waivers, and scholarships for participants in the Accelerated Graduate program.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Student Financial Services: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Graduate Advisor Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Graduate Chair/Program Coord Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Undergraduate Advisor Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Undergraduate Chair Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Registrar's Office Approval: _____ Date: _____

Returned completed form to: Office of the Registrar