

SECTION 6

Accelerated Bachelor's/Graduate Degree Program (ADP)

Overview

The Accelerated Degree Policy (ADP) is designed to provide Marquette University undergraduates a more efficient means to obtain a graduate degree or certificate. The program benefits the university by retaining our best students for graduate study. Minimum academic criteria are established by each participating unit for students who have a high academic potential (typically 3.000 or above) and want to start taking graduate-level courses during their undergraduate careers, some of which will count toward both their undergraduate degree and graduate degree or certificate.

Graduate programs offering this option grant undergraduates early acceptance to the Graduate School and allow a specified number of graduate-level credits to be counted toward the student's undergraduate degree and graduate degree or certificate.

The ADP proposal guidelines are only for current graduate programs to identify courses that may be taken by undergraduates during their junior and/or senior years that can be counted toward the graduate program. Academic units that want to create a new program, or modify a current program in other ways, should follow the appropriate procedures laid out within the Academic Program Approval Guidelines.

The ADP proposal guidelines only apply to existing graduate programs proposing an accelerated option to permit undergraduates to take existing courses to apply toward their undergraduate degree and the graduate program and that meet the following requirements:

1. Approved graduate programs already in the bulletin
2. No new courses
3. No additional financial resources
4. No additional space requirements
5. No additional staff requirements
6. No impact on accreditation

Proposal

Program proposals for accelerated degree program are composed of only the program description section.

1. The automated [CourseLeaf program](#) will be used for submission of the proposal for an accelerated degree program. The online approval form should be completed by the department submitting the proposal, the proposal and other supporting documentation should be attached to the online approval form. The online approval form and the proposal documentation are submitted via the automated review/approval process.

***** Even though an ADP is submitted in [CourseLeaf](#) as a modification the proposal documentation for an ADP must be included in the submission.**

2. Program description
 - a. Name of the sponsoring department or program and approval by the chair.
 - b. Current structure of the graduate program.

- c. Current and future availability of graduate level courses.
- d. Statement of available resources in place for the accelerated program.
- e. Statement that no additional resources will be required to initiate and maintain the accelerated degree program.
- f. Statement that there will be no effect on accreditation if applicable.
- g. Anticipated timeline to commence enrollment in the accelerated degree program.
- h. Projected enrollment projections for the three academic years beyond commencement of the accelerated degree program.
- i. List the undergraduate majors that are appropriate conduits to the ADP.
- j. Indicate whether ADP applicants will be limited to these majors or they represent the most likely majors of ADP applicants.
- k. Describe the ways in which students in each likely or specified undergraduate programs may be able to successfully pursue an ADP, given the requirements of the undergraduate major.
- l. Identification of the stage at which a student may enroll in the accelerated degree program.
- m. The admissions requirements and procedure for the accelerated degree program
- n. The advising procedure for the accelerated degree program.
- o. A description of the accelerated degree program to be included in both Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins.

Note: Academic units may petition the Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies and Dean of the Graduate School if they intend to implement more restrictive requirements than those required by the Graduate School.

3. **Assessment Plan**
Assessment of the combined degree will normally use the same metrics as the current graduate program.
4. **Market Demand Analysis**
No market demand analysis or business analysis will be required unless there are any additional resource demands.
5. Once submitted online, the [CourseLeaf](#) workflow and digital signature approval process will follow automatically:
 - Dean endorses and signs online approval form.
 - Registrar concurs with program title and course(s) number and signs online approval form.
 - Office of Finance is informed of proposal
 - The Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies and Dean of the Graduate has approval authority for ADP

**Flow Chart for
Academic Program Review/Approval Process
Accelerated Degree**

[**Program Approval Grid \(attachment D\)](#)

