ACCELERATED BACHELOR’S TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Towson University’s accelerated bachelor’s to graduate programs allow students to begin their graduate studies while still an undergraduate student. Designed for high achieving and talented students, it expedites earning an advanced degree by combining bachelor’s and graduate program requirements.

An accelerated bachelor’s to graduate program is an explicit arrangement of undergraduate and graduate courses that allow students to complete the bachelor’s and the graduate degree in less time and save money (Visit the Student and University Billing Office’s Tuition and Fees page for information on accelerated tuition costs). During the undergraduate program, students have the opportunity to take up to 9 units of graduate course work (up to 9 units for a master’s degree, up to 6 units for a graduate certificate). These units and the earned grade will count toward the undergraduate degree, and if a grade of B or higher is earned, the units will later be applied toward the graduate degree. The GPA for these units will only count on the undergraduate degree.

Accelerated Bachelor’s to Graduate programs are comprised of structured programs and individualized plans of study. Please visit the Registrar’s website for guides on navigating the admission and enrollment in an accelerated bachelor’s to graduate program.

Academic Policies

Undergraduate Students - In addition to undergraduate academic standing policies, accelerated undergraduate students must also adhere to the following:

• If an accelerated student’s cumulative grade point average (CGPA) falls below 3.00, the student will not be permitted to enroll in additional graduate coursework until their CGPA returns to 3.00.
• If an accelerated student earns an F/FX in a graduate level course, the student will be removed from the accelerated program. If the student had earned grades of C or higher in other graduate level courses, they will still be permitted to use those courses toward their bachelor’s degree requirements.

Graduate Students - Accelerated students in the graduate portion of the program will follow the academic standing policies found here.

Structured Programs

Structured programs are accelerated programs between an undergraduate major and graduate degree program that have an approved, existing agreement for coursework choices between the undergraduate and graduate course requirements.

• Accounting (BA/BS) to Accounting and Business Advisory Services (MS)
• Business Administration - Marketing (BA/BS) to Marketing Intelligence (MS)
• Business Administration - Project Management (BA/BS) to Supply Chain Management (MS)
• Computer Science (BA/BS to MS)
• English (BA/BS) to Professional Writing (MS)
• Family Science (BA/BS) to Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service (MA)
• Family and Human Services (BA/BS) to Child Life, Administration and Family Collaboration (MS)
• Family and Human Services (BA/BS) to Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service (MA)
• Geography and Environmental Planning (BA/BS to MA)
• Math (BA/BS) to Actuarial Science and Predictive Analytics (MS)
• Math (BA/BS) to Applied Industrial Mathematics (MS)
• Music (BM to MM)
• Physics (BA/BS) to Applied Physics (MS)
• Public Health (BA/BS) to Health Science (MS)
• Teaching (BS/BA to MAT)
• Women’s and Gender Studies (BA/BS to MS)

Individual Plan of Study

An individualized plan of study is an accelerated program in which a student works with their undergraduate major and a graduate degree program of their choice to develop a sequence of courses to complete the undergraduate degree and get an early start on their graduate work. Both the undergraduate department chair and graduate program director must approve the use of courses for the undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.