

# ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S IN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

The Department of Geography and Environmental Planning offers an accelerated bachelor's and master's program that allows students to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees in a shorter time frame. Nine units of graduate work are counted toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

All students enrolled in the graduate program must demonstrate proficiency in research. Students continuing into the graduate portion of the program will choose between the non-thesis or thesis option for coursework requirements.

## Admission Requirements

- Students may apply for this program during the first term of their junior year. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two terms as full-time students at Towson University.
- Students may begin the program once they have completed a minimum of 60 but no more than 89.5 units in their undergraduate program.
- Students must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25 overall based upon their last 60 units of undergraduate coursework to be eligible to be screened into the program.
- During the second term of the senior year, the student must also complete a graduate application with the Admissions Office.

## Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's Degree Requirements

- 9 units taken at the 500 and 600 levels during the senior year will be counted toward fulfilling both the bachelor's degree and the 36 required units for the master's degree.
- The bachelor's degree will be awarded after all the degree requirements for the bachelor's are met, which should normally be at the end of the fourth year.

Code	Title	Units
GEOG 601	SEMINAR ON GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES	3
GEOG Courses at 500/600 Level		6
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>9</b>

- Please see the Graduate Catalog for the complete M.A. Degree Requirements.

## Withdrawal and Ineligibility

- Students may withdraw by informing the chair and graduate program director in writing.
- Students who complete the bachelor's but decide not to continue with the M.A. program will terminate their program with the fulfillment of all the requirements of the bachelor's degree.
- A student who drops out will be allowed to use the grad courses to complete the bachelor's degree.
- Students who do not follow the approved plan of graduate work may become ineligible to participate in the accelerated program. If

a student becomes ineligible, the Geography graduate director will inform the student in writing.

- Students who are ineligible to participate in or who withdraw from the accelerated degree program cannot double count any courses for both bachelor's and master's degrees.