



PRESIDENT'S POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 263 (Revision to PPM 158)

TO: All Faculty and Students
FROM: Charles W. Steger *WWS*
DATE: March 8, 2010
SUBJECT: Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Degree Program

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The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies, approved a resolution concerning the accelerated undergraduate/graduate degree program.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

Whereas, the most talented, highest-achieving students are sufficiently prepared, toward the ends of their undergraduate degree programs, to enroll in graduate courses and are well qualified to pursue graduate study, and

Whereas, an Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate (UG/G) Program is a program that allows some senior-level required courses and advanced electives that are also appropriate graduate courses to be 'double-counted' toward both the undergraduate (UG) and graduate (G) degrees, and is a means by which these high-achieving undergraduates may complete some of the course requirements of a graduate degree, while simultaneously finishing the undergraduate degree, and

Whereas, a significant number of academic units have developed or may someday develop accelerated undergraduate graduate degree programs (henceforth collectively designated UG/G programs) for the purpose of encouraging their best undergraduates to pursue graduate study and enabling them to enter the professional workplace sooner, and

Whereas, several UG/G programs have evolved and are presently available to students; however their admission procedures and operating policies are so diverse that collective administrative oversight to ensure quality and fairness across all such programs has become intractable, therefore be it

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Resolved, that beginning in the Fall Semester of 2010, the Graduate School shall administer all UG/G accelerated programs under a consistent policy umbrella, and be it

Resolved, that the Accelerated Undergraduate Graduate program (UG/G) shall supplant the present Five Year (Honors) Bachelors-Masters program and the present Open Bachelors-Masters program, effective Fall 2010, and be it

Resolved, that Dual Student Status, as defined in the Graduate Catalog, is unchanged as an option that allows students, who have satisfied the requirements of their undergraduate degree, to take graduate level courses in their final semester prior to graduation that will count toward a graduate degree, but not their undergraduate degree; and since the purpose is distinct and separate from that of the Accelerated Undergraduate/Graduate Program (UG/G) and to avoid confusion in administering these programs students may not concurrently have Dual Status while enrolled in a UG/G program, and be it

Resolved, that university-wide minimum conditions for admission into a UG/G program shall include

1. the confirmed availability and willingness of a faculty member to serve as the student's initial advisor for the proposed UG/G program, and
2. a tentative listing of courses that the student will take that are generally found suitable for use on a graduate Plan of Study, and
3. a minimum GPA of 3.3, and be it

Resolved, that the academic unit administering the graduate portion of a UG/G program may establish additional admission criteria, including but not necessarily limited to student status, GPA (above the university minimum of 3.3), motivation, career objectives, the student's experience as reflected in a CV, a portfolio, and/or letters of reference, and be it

Resolved, that admission into a UG/G program must be granted, by the Graduate School and the academic unit administering the program, before an undergraduate student may enroll in courses that he or she intends to apply toward a masters, doctorate, or both, and be it

Resolved, that some courses taken before completion of the undergraduate degree (and applied toward that degree) may be applied also toward the graduate degree of a UG/G program, subject to the following regulations:

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1. At most twelve credits may be used,
2. All courses used must be numbered at the 4000 or higher
3. Courses must be taken during the final twelve months of the undergraduate degree,
4. No more than six credits used may be at the 4000 level,
5. A grade of B or higher must be earned in each course used,
6. Courses to be used must not be taken pass-fail if a graded option is available, and be it

Resolved, that each graduate degree program wishing to offer one or more UG/G programs shall submit a written description of their program to the Graduate School for review and approval before students may be admitted thereto.

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