

Graduate Credit for Undergraduates

Senior Rule Admission

Seniors at Wichita State University may qualify to take courses for graduate credit under Senior Rule (senior rule). Students may earn no more than 12 credit hours through senior rule. Students must submit a senior rule enrollment form each semester and a maximum of two semesters of senior rule may be completed. Only those courses designated on the senior rule enrollment form will be awarded graduate credit.

Courses completed for undergraduate credit may not be changed to graduate credit. Courses taken for graduate credit cannot be used to complete undergraduate degree requirements; courses completed through senior rule will remain graduate courses.

Approval is required from the student's undergraduate major department, graduate program in which the course(s) will be taken, and the Graduate School. The undergraduate major department, graduate program or the Graduate School may disallow a student's enrollment under this policy.

Tuition for graduate courses will be assessed at the graduate rate. Students who fail to maintain a cumulative 3.000 GPA in their graduate coursework will be placed on academic probation when they begin a graduate program; in addition, they will not be approved to complete future courses under this policy.

Students who are receiving federal financial aid should consult with a financial aid advisor to determine if taking graduate level coursework while an undergraduate student will impact their financial aid award. Students enrolled through Senior Rule are not considered graduate students.

Admission to Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree Programs

The accelerated bachelor's to master's degree programs offer outstanding undergraduate students opportunities to advance their academic careers in significant ways by pursuing the bachelor's and master's degrees in a parallel and coordinated program. In addition, it may be possible for students to complete the requirements for both degrees (in the same field) in an accelerated time frame. The goal of this program is to provide students with a high level of academic advising culminating in the preparation of the graduate program of study while students are still in their sophomore or junior years. Accelerated degree programs are available in:

- BA to MA in communication
- BA to MA in economics and quantitative analysis
- BA to MA in English
- BA to MA in Spanish
- Bachelor's Degree to MA in aging studies
- Bachelor's Degree to MBA (business administration)
- Bachelor's Degree to MEd in special education - high incidence
- Bachelor's Degree to MEd in special education - low incidence
- Bachelor's Degree to MS in athletic training
- BAED to MEd in learning and instructional design
- BBA to MA in economics and quantitative analysis
- BBA to MHRM (human resource management)
- BBA to MS in business analytics
- BBA to MS in management science and supply chain management
- BS to MEM (engineering management)
- BS to MHA (health administration)
- BS to MS in biomedical engineering
- BS to MS in computer science
- BS to MS in computing
- BS to MS in data science
- BS to MS in electrical and computer engineering
- BS to MS in exercise science
- BS (in industrial or manufacturing engineering) to MS in industrial engineering
- BS to MS in mathematics
- BS to MS in mechanical engineering
- Honors Baccalaureate to MID (innovation design)

3+2 and 4+1 programs exist under the accelerated bachelor's to master's programs policy. These formalized, structured programs may exceed normal limits on credit earned through a standard accelerated program when approved by the Graduate Council. This distinction will be stated in the program section of the catalog.

Each accelerated program has specific admission requirements. Students should consult with the department's graduate coordinator if they are interested in this type of program.

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