



UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

TITLE:

Accelerated Master's Degree Programs

POLICY STATEMENT:

The University of Bridgeport (UB) understands and supports the need for students to join the workforce as quickly as possible, in accordance with our mission of providing supportive learning environment to prepare graduates for life and leadership in an increasingly interconnected world. The University offers a variety of programs wherein students admitted to an undergraduate program are eligible to complete an undergraduate and graduate program at an accelerated pace. As seniors, students combine bachelor and master-level courses to graduate with a bachelor's degree. In the fifth year, they focus solely on graduate courses to complete their master's degree within one year.

PROCEDURE DETAILS:

Admission and Application Requirements:

Students may apply to the graduate program no earlier than their senior year and then apply to begin the graduate program no earlier than the first term after they complete their undergraduate degree. Their undergraduate degree must be conferred prior to starting the graduate program. For example, a student in the fall semester of their senior year who will graduate in May with their bachelor's degree may apply during fall of their senior year to begin the graduate program the following fall. Students should submit their application by the published application deadlines, and applications will be reviewed according to the published graduate admission standards for the program they are applying to. Letters of recommendation are waived for UB students who are applying into an accelerated program.

Billing and Financial Aid:

Students will be billed, and any eligible loans will be awarded according to student type, regardless of if the student takes graduate level courses during their senior year that count toward their undergraduate degree.

Academic Credits:

The student must work with their Faculty Advisor to complete the Course Substitution form and identify courses used for both undergraduate and graduate credit. The approved total number of graduate credits are 3 -15 credits, which can count towards both degree levels. The Course Substitution form is required with all necessary approvals and must be submitted directly to the Office of the Registrar.

PUBLISH POLICY STATEMENT (CLICK ON BOX NEXT TO OPTION-SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

UNIVERSITY CATALOG

STAFF HANDBOOK

FACULTY HANDBOOK

STUDENT HANDBOOK

DEFINITIONS:

N/A

EXCLUSIONS:

N/A

OFFICES DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE POLICY:

Provost, Admissions, Academic Departments (undergraduate and graduate), Faculty Advisor, Student Financial Services, and Registrar.

HISTORY:

The policy was created submitted for review and approval during February 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE:	Fall 2024
RESPONSIBLE OFFICE (ONLY ONE):	Registrar
REVIEW DATE:	April 2024

APPENDIX:

Course Substitution Form- Available online through the UB Portal. Faculty must be signed in for access.