Accelerated Master's Degree Program
Pittsburg State University
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Rationale
The Accelerated Master's Degree Program (AMDP) offers an opportunity for outstanding students to advance their academic career by simultaneously pursuing both the undergraduate and graduate degrees in the same field of study. It is thus extremely likely that a student in this program will complete the requirements for both degrees in an accelerated time frame and thus advance through their degrees in less calendar time. Through this option, a student can receive a graduate degree in as little as one year after receiving their bachelor's degree.

Additional reasons for establishing an accelerated master's degree program are:
- A tool for departments to recruit undergraduate students, particularly incoming freshmen, who are interested in ultimately earning a master's degree.
- Create a streamlined transition for students to continue their education beyond a bachelor's degree.
- Develop an environment so that students receive more training and faculty time on research project(s) including finishing their thesis on time.
- Students will get to work with faculty on more detailed publishable research problems.
- Departments attract and retain outstanding students for their graduate programs.
- Programs show higher graduation and completion rates positively impacting the overall campus environment.

Limitations
The following limitations apply to an AMDP. Individual AMDP programs may be legislated to impose stricter limitations.

1. An undergraduate student may take a maximum of 12 hours of graduate level courses that have been identified to be eligible for an AMDP.
   a. Of the AMDP courses mentioned above, a maximum of 9 hours of 700 level courses may be double counted. These courses will be counted towards both a student's bachelor's and master's degree.
2. To facilitate degree planning, the undergraduate student must apply and be admitted in an AMDP prior to enrolling in AMDP courses.
3. The student must have a minimum of a B grade in all AMDP courses.

Procedure for Submitting the Accelerated Master's Degree Program Proposal
1. Program:
   a. Use the Request for Accelerated Master's Degree Program form to legislate an AMDP. The form should include the following:
      - Rationale for the double counted courses.
      - The bachelor's and master's degrees involved in the AMDP.
      - A list of potential graduate level courses that can be used for the AMDP.

- The total number of hours of AMDP courses to be used (up to 12 hours).
- A list of potential 700 level courses that can be double counted in the AMDP.
- The total number of 700 level double counted courses (up to 9 hours).
- List of courses to be included in AMDP.
- List of courses.
- A notation of which courses will be double counted (i.e. checkboxes).

2. <u>Graduate Council:</u>
    a. The AMDP is legislated by Graduate Council.
    b. Course modifications for AMDP courses are legislated by Graduate Council. (i.e. Changing 800 level courses to 700 level courses, or changing prerequisites.)

3. <u>Faculty Senate:</u>
    a. If the AMDP consists of double counted courses the AMDP request is also legislated by Faculty Senate.
    b. AMDP double counted courses added to an undergraduate degree are legislated by Faculty Senate.

Procedure for Students applying to an AMDP
1. Student completes AMDP Admission Request form in consultation with their graduate advisor.
2. Student submits AMDP Admission Request form to their graduate advisor and department chair for approval.
3. Student submits completed AMDP Admission Request form for approval to Graduate School for Graduate School Dean approval.
4. Student completes online admission application to Graduate School.

Additional Information
1. Students approved to participate in the AMDP will be admitted as accelerated graduate students, with admission as an undergraduate and a graduate student. Upon completion of their bachelor's degree they will be admitted as graduate students.
2. An accelerated student is only eligible for aid on one program at a time and therefore will only receive undergraduate aid until he/she graduates from their bachelor's program.
3. Undergraduate students will be assessed at the undergraduate rate for all courses that are double counted.
4. Courses that are double counted must be courses completed at PSU. No transfer courses can be used in this capacity.

Accelerated Master's Degree Admission Request

Bachelor's Degree: _____

Master's Degree: _____

_____   _____
Student's Name (Print and Sign)   ID Number

To be completed by the Department:
Term the student is set to graduate with their undergraduate degree: _____
Students undergraduate GPA to date: _____

Course(s) to be included as part of the Accelerated Master's Degree:

Course:	Credit Hours:	Course:	Credit Hours:

The above student is approved to be in the Accelerated Master's Degree program.

_____   _____
Signature of Graduate Advisor   Date

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Signature of Department Chair   Date

To be completed by the Graduate Office:
The above student is approved to be in the Accelerated Master's Degree program.

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College Dean   Date

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