

BAM Template

Overview

Highly-qualified undergraduates may be admitted to the combined bachelor's and accelerated master's degree pathway program (accelerated master's) and obtain a [Undergraduate degree type] in [Degree Name] and an [Graduate Degree type] in [Degree Name] through the [Pathway name] in an accelerated time-frame after satisfactory completion of a minimum of 138 credits (total number of required credits depends on the requirements of both the undergraduate and graduate programs).

See [AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree](#) for policies related to this program.

This type of accelerated option is offered jointly by the undergraduate [Name] program in [College/School] and graduate [Name] program in [College/School] (applicable if across academic units).

Students in an accelerated master's degree program must fulfill all university requirements for the master's degree. For policies governing all graduate degrees, see [AP.6 Graduate Policies](#).

BAM Pathway Admission Requirements

Applicants to all graduate programs at George Mason University must meet the admission standards and application requirements for graduate study as specified in [Graduate Admissions Policies](#) and [accelerated master's degree](#) policies. For information specific to this accelerated master's program, see [Link to specific unit's website with other requirements.]

Students will be considered for admission into the BAM Pathway after completion of a minimum of 60 credits, and [add any additional unit-specific criteria].

Students who are accepted into the BAM Pathway will be allowed to register for graduate level courses after successful completion of a minimum of 75 undergraduate credits and any pathway-specific course pre-requisites [insert here if applicable].

Accelerated Master's Admission Requirements

Undergraduate students already admitted to the BAM Pathway will be admitted to the intended master's program, if they have met the following criteria (add as needed), that will be verified:

- Submission of BAM Transition Form by stated deadline.
- Sufficient minimum 3.0 [insert minimum if higher for pathway] cumulative GPA for conferred undergraduate degree (which does not include any earned reserve graduate credits).

- Sufficient minimum XXX major area GPA (if applicable for undergraduate degree conferral).
- Completion of [insert any specific undergraduate coursework], approved advanced standing courses and any reserve graduate courses that have met the minimum grade requirement of B- [insert minimum if higher for pathway].
- Successful completion of required minimum of 120 credits needed for undergraduate degree conferral (after exclusion any satisfactory reserve graduate credits earned).
- Successfully meeting George Mason's requirements for undergraduate degree conferral (graduation) and timely submitting the application for graduation.

Accelerated Pathway Requirements

To maintain the integrity and quality of both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, undergraduate students interested in taking graduate courses must choose from the following:

Advanced Standing courses: Students must complete at least 3 credits from the following list of graduate-level courses, while in undergraduate status, up to a maximum of 12. The pathway program academic units must agree upon and develop a curated list of at least four 500 and/or 600 level graduate level courses (up to 12 credits) that will count as advanced standing. Must note if any of these courses substitute for major-specific undergraduate degree requirements. These advanced standing courses count towards undergraduate degree requirements and as credits earned towards the accelerated master's degree.

Reserve credit courses [indicate if required or not]: Students may complete up to 6 credits (edit as needed), while in undergraduate student status, of graduate-level coursework from the list below that will only count towards the graduate degree program. (Reserve offerings are optional for the pathway program, but, if permitted, a curated list is required here).

For more information on developing a curated list of approved courses as described above, faculty and staff are directed to [AP.2.4 Course Numbering](#), [AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates](#), [AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree policies](#) or you may contact the Graduate Division.

For more detailed information on coursework and timeline requirements, see [AP.6.7 Bachelor's/Accelerated Master's Degree](#) and [AP.1.4.4 Graduate Course Enrollment by Undergraduates](#).