8 Accelerated Degree Programs

Accelerated degree programs allow exceptionally well-qualified undergraduates to earn both a bachelor’s and an advanced degree, usually a professional degree, in a reduced time frame, typically seven years. Students must consult closely with their academic department in the first year in order to pursue eligibility.

8.1 Accelerated degree proposals

Accelerated degree proposals must be approved through the usual Faculty Senate curricular process. Proposals that shorten a bachelor’s degree four-year plan must demonstrate how all requirements of both the bachelor’s degree and the advanced degree will be met in a reduced time frame. The undergraduate degree requires a minimum of 90 undergraduate credits of which 30 must be upper-division credits. The remaining credits required to meet the university minimum of 120 credits are earned through courses taken in the professional program.

Some four-year bachelor’s degrees may be completed in an accelerated time frame by students who enter a bachelor’s degree program with substantial amounts of college credit from dual credit programs such as running start or from credit by exam (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge International). Students should consult with advisors early in their program for optimal career planning.

8.2 Current accelerated degrees

- Joint program in animal sciences and veterinary medicine (BS and DVM)
- Biochemistry and pharmacy program (BS and PharmD)
- Honors microbiology and veterinary medicine program (BS and DVM)
- Zoology – accelerated pre-vet option (BS Zoology and DVM in 7 years)
- Neuroscience – Honors Accelerated Pre-Vet Option (new fall 2018 – BS Neuroscience and DVM in 7 years)
- Environment – Honors Wildlife/Accelerated Pre-Vet Program (new fall 2018 – BS Earth and Environmental Science and DVM in 7 years)