New Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate Program

An integrated program combines undergraduate and graduate education by allowing the undergraduate student to be conditionally admitted into the graduate program while still completing all undergraduate degree requirements. The application process, admission prerequisites and requirements, and graduate program requirements are as specified for each graduate program. However, a GPA minimum of 3.0 is required for acceptance into an integrated program, even in cases where a Master's program considers lower GPA requirements for admission. Students will receive conditional admission to the graduate program, pending completion of their bachelor's degree as stipulated in the Graduate Catalog.

While still enrolled as undergraduates, students may take and share up to 15 credits. However, some programs may permit to share less than 15 credits.

In the term after receiving the undergraduate degree, students who satisfy the requirements of conditional acceptance matriculate into the Graduate program and complete the remaining credit hours of graduate coursework.

At a minimum, 15 credits must be earned at the graduate, post-baccalaureate level. The minimum number of 135 combined undergraduate and graduate credits is required for any integrated bachelor's/master's program.

Integrated Program Proposal Content and approval process

Proposal for a New Integrated Program should use the New Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate Program Form found in the <u>Appendix-Forms</u> section of this Handbook. The information required for the proposals is listed in the form.

Required recommendations on approval of integrated programs should be completed by the deadline for submission of the proposal, November 15:

- Graduate and undergraduate program/department faculty representative (both program/department faculty if programs/departments differ)
- Academic unit curriculum committee chair (both academic unit curriculum committees if academic units differ)
- Dean (both academic unit deans if academic units differ)

Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate Programs require review and approval by both the GAC and the UAC, as well as final approval by the Provost. The deadline for submission of the catalog entry for the newly approved program is February 1.

If an integrated program is being proposed as part of a new degree program under the new degree program proposal process, it may be submitted along with the new degree program. The approval process for the Integrated Program may begin in fall, and "provisional approval," if given, will be provided pending the final result of the New Degree Program approval process by the Board of Trustees.