UT PERMIAN BASIN™
GRADUATE STUDIES

ACCELERATED MASTER'S PATHWAY (AMP) DESCRIPTION

Accelerated Master's Pathway (AMP) programs allow academically qualified students to complete a bachelor's degree and a graduate degree (usually a master's degree) on an accelerated timeline, graduating sooner than in traditional programs. Typically, a student will complete a portion of the required graduate coursework while classified as an undergraduate student, and in some cases will have it count toward both degrees. Participating undergraduates may count up to 12 graduate credit hours toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Upon completion of all undergraduate degree requirements, the student is admitted to Graduate Studies, where the remaining graduate program requirements are fulfilled.
Note: Per SACSCOC, a minimum of 120 undergraduate credit hours is required for a bachelor's degree and 30 hours for a master's degree (https://sacscoc.org/app/uploads/2019/08/2018-POA-Resource-Manual.pdf, p.78).

General requirements:

- Ninety (90) undergraduate credit hours must be completed, including 15 hours in the undergraduate major, before a student may apply.
- The student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and 3.25 in the undergraduate major.
- Admission requirements for the graduate major must be met in order for the student to enroll in graduate-level coursework.
- The student must have met with both the undergraduate advisor and graduate advisor to develop an approved Program of Study, including a plan for advising and notation for financial aid impact.
- Up to 12 credit hours of structured graduate coursework may be applied toward undergraduate degree requirements.
- Total combined credits for both the undergraduate and graduate degree must be at least 150 credit hours (120 for bachelor's and 30 for master's), even if graduate coursework is used to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements
- A minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 must be maintained, and participating students must earn at least a 'B' in graduate coursework used to fulfill undergraduate degree requirements.
- AMP students who have successfully completed all of their undergraduate degree requirements and maintained the requirements of the AMP will be granted automatic admission into Graduate Studies and the corresponding graduate program. They must submit an admission application, but all other admission requirements will be waived, including the GRE test scores.
- Degrees are completed sequentially. The bachelor's degree must be conferred as soon as requirements are met and will be required for full admission into the corresponding graduate program.
- Students must pay graduate tuition whenever taking graduate courses.
- Students that are in the 4+1 program excluding 5th year Accounting will not be eligible for financial aid of courses taken at the graduate level

Development of a New Accelerated Major Program (For Faculty):

- Accelerated Master Program Development Form

Application to the Accelerated Major Program (For Students):

- Accelerated Master Program Agreement