

The Dual/Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Degree Program offers the opportunity for students to advance their careers in a significant way by pursuing the Bachelor's aiunit and a Graduate Faculty mentor, and the Dual/Accelerated Degree Program develops this relationship early in a student's career. Doctoral degrees are excluded from this dual program.

Graduate programs are able to develop program specific guidelines for recruiting potential undergraduates and current undergraduates into the Dual/Accelerated Degree Program. These guidelines should outline any deviations from the standard undergraduate program and the standard graduate program, as these are considered in the Dual Degree Program. One deviation from the standard programs may be the possibility of including a limited number of *joint-degree hours* that are applied to both the Bachelor and Master degrees. These joint degree hours may be at the 500-800 level. Programs may use up to 9 hours in a 30-

program must be completed within 10 years from the first grad level course that will be on the plan of study. Please note that some programs may require the degree to be completed in fewer than 10 years. Consult the program section of the catalog (or with the chair/graduate coordinator) to determine if your program has a shorter time frame for degree completion.

Students in a Dual/Accelerated Degree Program may not hold a graduate assistantship until after the Bachelor's degree is awarded, and the student is fully admitted to the graduate program. For the purpose