Information for Accelerated AB/AM Applicants

This program allows qualified Washington University undergraduates to complete a Master of Arts (A.M.) degree in a one-year accelerated program after completing the A.B. degree. The undergraduate and graduate degrees are awarded sequentially, with admission to the master’s degree, if approved, for the fall semester following completion of the undergraduate degree in the preceding December, May, or August.

Applications may be submitted anytime during the senior year through August 1, and GRE tests are not required. The program is available only to students currently in their senior year and only for continuous enrollment in the next year. There is no option for deferred admissions. In order to complete an A.M. in one year, students may apply five courses taken at the 400 level or above as an undergraduate (with a maximum of 16 units) towards master’s degree programs which require 36 or more units for completion. For master’s programs which require fewer than 36 units, three courses at the 400 level or above (with a maximum of 12 units) may be applied. Master’s programs requiring more than 36 units may require an additional semester or summer of enrollment. Undergraduate courses must be acceptable to the department or program offering the Master’s degree and must be completed with a final grade of B or higher. All admissions are provisional until the successful completion of the A.B.

Some departments may not participate in this program, and some departments that do not otherwise offer a Master’s degree may provide this opportunity to Washington University undergraduates. Please consult the home department and the Graduate School Bulletin or our website for more detailed information. The application for admission must be made to the department, which forwards the application and the department’s recommendation for admission to the Graduate School.

Tuition and Remission
Students accepted into the Accelerated AB/AM program will receive a scholarship for 25% of tuition charges for the A.M. year, subject to the standard enrollment and remission policies of the Graduate School.

On all registrations of 9 or more units, the Graduate School uses a flat tuition rate, which is subject to annual change. Students who enroll for 9 or more units per semester (which will include all students enrolled in the Accelerated A.M. program) are automatically regarded as full-time students and are charged the flat full-time rate. (Students enrolled for fewer than 9 units are charged on a per-unit basis.)

Student Health Insurance and Fee
The University’s student health insurance will no longer be mandatory. Domestic students will have the option to waive coverage if they can document that they have adequate coverage through another plan. (The University plan will continue to be mandatory for international students.) The insurance will now be an annual enrollment and the full charge will appear on the fall billing statement. In addition, Washington University will have a student health and wellness fee designed to improve the health and wellness of the entire Washington University community. The fee will be billed to the student tuition statement each semester.

Further information may be found at: http://shs.wustl.edu/

Student ID
Student ID numbers will remain the same and it is not necessary to replace ID cards. If the card is excessively worn or needs an updated picture, a new card can be obtained from Campus Card Services, located in Green Hall, Suite 1158. There will be no replacement charge if the old card is turned in.

Orientation
New students in the Accelerated AB/AM program are expected to attend Graduate School Orientation which will assist in making the transition to graduate school. This event is normally held the week prior to the start of fall classes. Students should also check with their department about department-sponsored orientations and pre-class programs which may start earlier.

The Graduate School Office Administration and staff are located in Cupples II, Room 204 (main office), and in the Liberman Graduate Center, Room 300, in the Danforth University Center. Contact information can be found at:
http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/welcome/administration

Updated September 23, 2014
Application for Admission to the Accelerated AB/AM Program

The application for admission must be made to the department, which forwards the application and the department’s recommendation for admission to the Graduate School.

For Admission Beginning Fall _________

(YYYY)

Master’s Degree in __________________________________________________________

Name __________________________________________________________

(Last Name/Family Name) (First Given Name) (MI)

Student ID# ____________ Anticipated Undergraduate Degree Date ________________ (MM/YYYY)

Graduate Level Coursework for consideration towards the master’s degree:

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Student Signature Date

Admission of the student to the above A.M. program and consideration of the courses listed above has my approval:

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Department Chair Signature Date

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Director of Graduate Studies Signature Date

Please submit form, complete with departmental signatures, to Bridget Coleman, Director of Admissions, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Campus Box 1187.

William F. Tate ____________________________________________ 

Dean of the Graduate School Signature Date