

Appendix K. Accelerated Bachelor's and Master's degrees (ABM)

K. 1.0 Application and Admission. Students applying for admission into ABM must do so through the URI Graduate School admission system. Applicants must have earned at least 75 credits before they are eligible to apply. Students will be enrolled in ABM after they have met all Graduate School admission requirements, and completed 90 undergraduate credits. ABM students will be separately coded to distinguish them from other graduate students.

K. 1.1 Credit Requirements. Only students accepted into the ABM program will be able to double count credits towards both the bachelor's and master's degrees. The total number of credits that will be allowed to be double counted is up to one-third of the total credits required in the master's program. Only 500-level courses and 400-level courses designated for graduate credit are eligible to be double counted.

K. 1.2 Credits Taken Outside of a program or from another department. Students can transfer credits between URI programs and departments. Only credits earned at URI may be counted toward the master's portion of the ABM.

K. 1.3 Time-to-degree Limit. Students must complete all graduate degree requirements for an ABM within 2 years after their enrollment and coding as ABM students. An additional year for programs with more than 30 credits may be allowed with the permission of the Graduate School. Failure to complete the ABM in the allotted time effectively ends the ABM and students will not be able to double count credits.

K. 1.4 Program of Study. ABM students must complete a Program of Study and submit it to the Graduate School in their first semester of enrollment in the graduate program. The Program of Study lists the courses to be taken to fulfill the requirement of the master's degree and those carried over from the undergraduate career. If any changes in the original Program of Study are made, a new Program of Study must be submitted as soon as possible. All ABM programs will have an established list of core courses and suitable electives that can be used to satisfy the requirements for the combined degree.

K. 1.5 Nomination for Graduation. A Nomination for Graduation form must be submitted to the Graduate School by the ABM Program Coordinator in a student's final semester. Deadlines for submission are published in the Deadline Calendar on the Graduate School website. The master's degree will not be conferred on students prior to completion of their bachelor's degree. Simultaneous conferral of both degrees may be considered.

K. 1.6 Grades and Grade Point Averages. Students must meet the acceptable grade requirements as described in Section 10 of the Graduate School Manual.

K.1.7 Continuous Enrollment. Continuous enrollment (see Section 4.40 of the Graduate School Manual) is required once students are coded and enrolled as ABM students.

K. 2.0 ABM Program Coordinators. Every ABM shall have at least one Coordinator. The Coordinator must assure that students enrolled in ABM are advised by the Coordinator or designated participating faculty. Coordinators recommend approval or denial of applicant admissions to the Graduate School, approve Programs of Study, and submit Nominations for Graduation. Coordinators and participating faculty also respond to programmatic questions from potential applicants, maintain files on active students, and keep records of the number of students who have participated in the ABM Program from its inception. These statistics should be reported to the Dean of the College sponsoring the ABM, the URI Office of Institutional Research, and the Graduate School.

K. 3.0 Proposals for New ABM Programs. Proposals for new ABM Programs should be submitted to the Graduate School after securing approval from the College in which the ABM will be housed. Only non-thesis master's programs are eligible for this option. The New Program Committee of the Graduate Council will review the proposal and make a recommendation on its merits to the full Graduate Council. If approved by vote of the Graduate Council, it will be submitted to the Faculty Senate for review and approval.