

The Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's Program at Rutgers-Newark

What is the Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's program offered at Rutgers-Newark?

This program allows highly qualified Rutgers-Newark undergraduate students to take advantage of combining undergraduate and graduate level study during their senior year.

Students must apply and be admitted to the accelerated master's program in their junior year before enrolling in any graduate level courses.

Once admitted to the accelerated program in the junior year, students will work with their undergraduate advisor and graduate program director to develop a plan of study for their fast track graduate degree.

Why an accelerated degree at Rutgers-Newark?

It saves you time.

Admission into an accelerated degree program allows you to take graduate and undergraduate courses in your senior year. Credits are counted toward both degrees, allowing you to complete your graduate degree in less time than a traditional graduate program.

It saves you money.

All graduate courses taken during the fall and spring* of your senior year are billed at the undergraduate tuition rate - which is almost half of the cost of graduate tuition! Depending on the program, some students are able to complete nearly half of their graduate degree for half the cost.

* Tuition benefit excludes summer and winter session courses.

It makes you more competitive in the job market.

In this tough economy, academic credentials are becoming more and more important. An accelerated master's degree from Rutgers, an internationally recognized research university, will enhance your career opportunities and potential earnings.

Which academic departments offer a Bachelor's-Master's degree?

- Biology
- Business & Science
- Chemistry
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Environmental Geology
- Environmental Science
- Global Affairs
- Jazz History & Research
- Political Science
- Public Administration

(The Rutgers Business School also offers various Bachelor's-Master's options. Please contact the RBS Graduate Admissions Office for more information: business.rutgers.edu or 973-353-1234)

Do I have to major in a specific field as an undergraduate to be eligible to apply to any of the accelerated degrees offered?

This varies by program. Some programs do require that you major in that specific field as an undergrad, while others will accept students from various undergraduate majors. Students should check early on with a program advisor in the program to which they plan to apply.

How many graduate credits may admitted students take during their senior year?

Participants may take the following number of graduate credits during their senior year:

- Up to 12 graduate credits as electives for 30-36 credit Master's programs
- Up to 18 graduate credits as electives for 42-48 credit Master's programs
- Up to 24 graduate credits as electives for 60 credit Master's programs

The Graduate School will monitor student progress to be sure students are adhering to graduate credit limits during senior year.

Since I am only a junior, which semester/ year should I select on the Graduate Application?

Spring 2013
This is the 2nd semester of your junior year. File a grad application online this semester selecting Fall 2014 on the application as the term/year you are applying for.

Fall 2013
If you were admitted to the Accelerated Bachelor's Master's program last spring, this is your 1st semester of senior year and you would begin taking both grad and undergrad courses at undergraduate tuition rates.

Spring 2014
This is your 2nd semester of senior year. You continue taking both grad and undergrad courses at undergraduate tuition rates. You will complete your Bachelor's degree by May of this semester.

The semester to which you apply on the application should be the semester in which you intend to matriculate as a graduate student.
This is typically the semester following the completion of your Bachelor's degree.

For example, if you are on schedule to graduate from your Bachelor's program in May 2014, you would apply during your junior year (Spring 2013) and select Fall 2014 on the graduate application.
See chart (left) as a visual guide.

Fall 2014
If your Bachelor's degree was completed last semester, you would officially matriculate as a graduate student this semester and complete the remainder of your grad degree at grad tuition rates.

Who can apply and when?

Undergraduates enrolled at Rutgers-Newark who have completed a minimum of 30 undergraduate credits here at Rutgers are eligible to apply to an accelerated program during the second semester of their junior year.

Each graduate program will have its own application deadlines and requirements that the student must comply with in order to be considered. While each of the programs will have its own separate application requirements, **ALL applicants must have a 3.2 minimum undergraduate GPA to be eligible for any of the accelerated programs.**

Are Rutgers students guaranteed admission to the Bachelor's-Master's program?

No. Admission to each program is limited and consideration is applied competitively to all applicants. Furthermore, for juniors admitted to the Bachelor's-Master's program, admission is conditional on successful completion of the undergraduate degree by the end of senior year. Students who do not successfully fulfill the requirements for their Bachelor's degree may not officially matriculate as a graduate student.

How do I apply for an Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's program?

As an undergraduate junior, when you wish to be considered for the Bachelor's-Master's program, you must submit a Rutgers Graduate Application online at www.gradstudy.rutgers.edu, along with the required \$65 application fee, and any supplemental materials required by the program to which you are applying. All supplemental application materials should be sent directly to:

Office of Graduate Admissions
Blumenthal Hall
249 University Avenue, Room 100
Newark, NJ 07102.

Note that each accelerated program has different application requirements and deadlines. Please review the requirements for your program carefully on the Graduate Admissions website gradstudy.rutgers.edu to ensure that your application is complete and on time.

For more information regarding the application process, please contact:

Jennifer Nyeste ~ 973-353-3784 ~ nyeste@ugadm.rutgers.edu
Assistant Director, Office of Graduate & Undergraduate Admissions, Rutgers University- Newark Campus