Colleges and Degree Programs

Mississippi State University is a comprehensive, doctoral-degree-granting university offering to a diverse and capable student body a wide range of academic opportunities. The University has eight colleges that offer graduate courses and/or programs. These courses and/or programs are offered on the main campus in Starkville, at the Meridian campus, and/or online via the Center for Distance Learning. While the University has approved policies and requirements that affect all graduate courses and programs, each college and department may have additional approved requirements. Please refer to each academic program for details.

Accelerated Program

A number of academic departments have approved programs permitting highly qualified MSU undergraduates to earn up to 15 hours of graduate-level coursework after completing a minimum number of coursework hours. Students in an Accelerated Program take graduate-level courses and earn both undergraduate credit and graduate credit simultaneously. Students need to consult with a potential graduate advisor to ensure graduate credit could be applied to a program of study for the graduate degree. Application to this program is made in the junior year (i.e., after completion of 60 or more hours of graded undergraduate courses).

Requirements for admission into the Accelerated Program requires the following.

- A GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 system for all undergraduate work
- A minimum of 60 hours toward the Bachelor's degree

For students enrolled in an Accelerated Program the MSU Graduate Council has established these guidelines in cooperation with the Registrar's Office.

- Once the student is accepted into the Accelerated Program, the student and the advisor may select up to 15 hours that will satisfy both undergraduate and graduate requirements. These courses may be split-level (i.e., 4000-6000) or 8000 level classes. The student should take the courses for graduate credit (i.e., 6000-level or higher).
- The student should use the Undergraduate Enrollment in Accelerated Degree Program form (http://www.grad.msstate.edu/forms/pdf/accel.pdf) to (i) receive from the Graduate School a level override that enables the student to enroll in the graduate course(s) and (ii) activate a process with the Registrar's Office to obtain both undergraduate and graduate credit for the course. After successfully completing the graduate-level class(es), the Registrar will grant credit for the undergraduate course with the same grade as received for the graduate course. For a split-level class, the transcript will show credit for both the 4000- and 6000-level on the transcript. In the case of an 8000 level class, a special topics undergraduate course of the same title will be entered on the transcript to allow dual credit.
- Students are permitted to opt out of the Accelerated Program at any time, at which point they would complete only the undergraduate portion of the program. No additional dual counting of courses would occur after the student opted out of the accelerated degree program.
- Students are expected to apply to the graduate degree program during the last semester in which they are enrolled in the bachelor's program. Application to the graduate degree program would be made through the standard application process via the Office of the Graduate School. Students will receive the bachelor's degree once the requirements for the bachelor's degree are met. Students will be required to complete all of the requirements for both the bachelor's and graduate degrees in order to receive both degrees and those requirements will be identical to the requirements for students enrolled in traditional bachelor's and graduate degree programs. Students will be classified as undergraduates until they fulfill all the requirements for the undergraduate degree. At that time, upon admission to graduate school, they will be classified as graduate students and will be subject to all the guidelines pertaining to the graduate degree.

An Accelerated Program is offered by the academic departments listed below. In addition to the above-listed requirements, departments may have additional requirements such as the completion of specific courses or a statement of professional interests and goals. See the Accelerated Program section for the department of interest.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- Plant and Soil Sciences (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/agriculture-life-sciences/plant-soil-sciences)
- Poultry Science (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/agriculture-life-sciences/poultry-science)

College of Arts and Sciences

- Biological Sciences (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/arts-sciences/biological-sciences)
- History (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/arts-sciences/history)
- Public Policy & Administration (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/arts-sciences/political-science-public-administration)

College of Business

- Management and Information Systems (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/business/management-information-systems)

College of Education

- Instructional Systems and Workforce Development (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/education/instructional-systems-workforce-development)

Bagley College of Engineering

- Aerospace Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/aerospace)
- Swalm School of Chemical Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/chemical)
- Computer Science and Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/computer-science)
- Electrical and Computer Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/electrical-computer)
- Industrial and Systems Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/industrial-systems)
- Master of Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/meng)
- Mechanical Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/mechanical)

Bagley College of Engineering/College of Business

- Industrial and Systems Engineering (http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2019-20/graduate/colleges-degree-programs/engineering/industrial-systems)/Master of Business Administratio