The Accelerated Master’s (AM) Degree offers the opportunity for outstanding students to begin earning credit toward a master's degree while still pursuing undergraduate studies. Our accelerated programs allow a student to complete a master's in less time and at a lower-than-average cost. The main feature of the program is that, while completing their undergraduate study, students may earn up to 12 semester hours of graduate credit that counts as dual credit for both the baccalaureate and master’s degrees.

**Minimum Requirements**

AM students must have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.2 to be conditionally admitted into a master’s degree program. Students may not enroll in graduate courses until they have 1) completed all requirements for the Core Curriculum; 2) completed a minimum of 90 hours of undergraduate work, including at least 15 hours of upper-level courses in the major; and 3) been conditionally admitted to a master’s program.

Conditional admission does not guarantee full admission to the program. Minimum criteria for full admission to the graduate program are:

1. Conferral of the baccalaureate degree;
2. Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.00; and
3. Satisfaction of all requirements for admission to the graduate program (entrance test scores, statement of purpose, recommendations, etc.).

**NOTE:** Individual departments may require additional criteria, including a higher admission GPA.

**Minimum Guidelines**

1. An updated undergraduate plan of study, outlining all requirements for baccalaureate degree completion and listing the graduate courses that will be posted to the baccalaureate transcript, must be approved by the student’s academic advisor.
2. Before an undergraduate AM student may register for graduate courses, an AM Application Form indicating the courses to be taken for graduate credit must be approved by the College, the Department, and the Graduate School.
3. **Graduate Coursework**:
   1. AM students may apply a maximum of 12 graduate hours to the baccalaureate degree, depending on the graduate program. Graduate coursework in the following areas will not count in the AM program toward the baccalaureate degree: travel study, independent study/project/research, directed study, directed readings, practicum, internships, other field-based placement, or thesis;
   2. Grades earned in graduate-level courses must meet the minimum GPA required by the Graduate School of 3.00. Graduate courses in which a GPA is less than 3.00 may be counted towards satisfaction of the bachelor’s degree but not towards the master’s;
   3. To remain in an AM degree program, the student must maintain at least a 3.00 overall GPA in graduate coursework.
4. The graduate hours taken to fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements will be fully transferrable to the master’s degree and will show on both the graduate and undergraduate transcripts.
5. The baccalaureate degree must be awarded following the completion of the undergraduate degree requirements and at least two semesters before the graduate degree is awarded.
6. If an AM student requests admission to any other master’s program (or does not complete the approved master’s degree within the prescribed time), the joint hours posted to the graduate transcript will be removed.
7. Students may apply to the program at the end of their junior year (completion of 90 credit hr)
8. Admissions requirements to the AM program as an undergraduate include GPA = 3.2 or higher, completion of 15 credit hours in Bios/Chem courses at the 3/4000 level.
9. Graduate courses that will satisfy both degree requirements are indicated with an asterisk on the 5-year Plan of Study
10. A student must satisfy all admissions requirements including 3.0 GPA at the end of their 4th year and apply for full admission to the graduate program (after completion of the BS degree)
11. Students will meet with the Graduate Program Director for advising to map out an appropriate schedule and a plan for health care internship.
12. All AM students will follow the non-thesis option.

**Requirements towards the completion of the Bachelor’s degree**

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| **General Education Requirements** | | | | |
| Course Name/ # | Credit Hours | Course Name/# | | Credit Hours |
| ENGL 1157 | 3 | | CHEM 1017 | 3 |
| ENGL 1158 | 3 | | ENGL Literature | 3 |
| MATH 1125 | 3 | | Social Sciences | 6 |
| MATH 1126 | 3 | | Arts | 3 |
| BIOS 1083 | 3 | | Foreign Language I and II | 6 |
| BIOS 1073 | 3 | |  |  |
|  |  | | **Total** | **39** |

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| **Other Requirements** | | | |
| Course Name/ # | Credit Hours | Course Name/# | Credit Hours |
| PHYS 1031 | 3 | CHEM 1007 | 1 |
| PHYS 1033 | 1 | CHEM 1018 | 3 |
| PHYS 1032 | 3 | CHEM 1008 | 1 |
| PHYS 1034 | 1 | CHEM 2217 | 3 |
| MATH 2314 | 3 | CHEM 3218 | 3 |
|  |  | **Total** | **22** |

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| **Major Requirements** | | | |
| Course Name/ # | Credit Hours | Course Name/# | Credit Hours |
| BIOS 1081 | 1 |  |  |
| BIOS 1071 | 1 |  |  |
| BIOS 2014 | 4 | BIOS electives at 3/4000 level | 12 |
| BIOS 2114 | 4 | BIOS 4010 (exit exam) | 0 |
|  |  | \*Bios 5000 electives | 12 |
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|  |  | **Total** | **34** |

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| **Graduate Requirements** | | | |
| Course Name/ # | Credit Hours | Course Name/# | Credit Hours |
| **General Electives** | 25 |  |  |
| BIOS 6002 Internship | 2 | BIOS 5113 Biochem. II | 3 |
| BIOS 6003 Capstone | 3 | BIOS 5153 Molec. Bio | 3 |
| BIOS 6091 Seminar | 1 | 5000/6000 Level Electives | 6 |
| BIOS 6113 Adv. Cell Bio | 3 | 6000 Level Electives | 6 |
|  |  | **Total** | **30** |
| **Total Credit Hours Required 30** | | | |
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| **5 Year Plan of Study** | | | |
| **First Year of Enrollment** | | | |
| **First Term** | | **Second Term** | |
| Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours | Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours |
| BIOS 1083, 1081  ENGL 1157 MATH 1125 Social Science 1000 level  UNIV 1001  Bios 1002 (suggested) | 4  3  3  3  1  1 | BIOS 1073, 1071 ENGL 1158  MATH 1126  CHEM 1017, 1007  Free elective | 4  3  3  4  3 |
| **Total Hours** | 15 |  | 17 |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Second Year of Enrollment** | | | |
| **First Term** | | **Second Term** | |
| Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours | Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours |
| BIOS 2014  Foreign language I  CHEM 1018, 1008  MATH 2314 Soc Sci 1000 level | 4  3  4  3  3 | BIOS 2114  Foreign Language II  ENGL literature  CHEM 2217  ARTS | 4  3  3  3  3 |
| **Total Hours** | 17 |  | 16 |
|  |  |  | |
| **Third Year of Enrollment** | | | |
| **First Term** | | **Second Term** | |
| Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours | Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours |
| BIOS 3/4000 level  CHEM 3218  PHYS 1031, 1033  Free elective | 4  3  4  3-6 | BIOS 3/4000 level  PHYS 1032, 1034  Free elective | 8  3  3-6 |
| **Total Hours** | 14-17 |  | 14-17 |
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| **Fourth Year of Enrollment** | | | |
| **First Term** | | **Second Term** | |
| Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours | Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours |
| \*BIOS 5103 Biochem I  \*BIOS 5000/6000 elective  Free elective | 3  3  6-9 | BIOS 4010 (exit exam)  \*BIOS 5113 Biochem II  \*BIOS 5153 Molec Bio  Free elective | 0  3  3  6-9 |
| **Total Hours** | 12-15 |  | 12-15 |
| **Total Degree Hours** | **120** |  | |

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| **Fifth Year of Enrollment** | | | | | |
| **First Term** | | | **Second Term** | | |
| Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours | | Course Prefix & Number | Credit Hours | |
| BIOS 6113 Adv. Cell Bio 3  BIOS 6002 2  BIOS 6091 1  BIOS 6000 level elective 3  (5000 cr from BS) (12) | |  | BIOS 6003 Capstone  BIOS 6000 Elective  BIOS 5000/6000 Elective | | 3  3  3 |
| **Total Hours** | 9 | |  | 9 | |
| **Total Degree Hours** | 30 | |  |  | |

\*courses that count towards both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

* **Student may apply for admission into the AM program once 90 hrs with at least 15 hrs of 3/4000 level Bios/Chem courses have been completed**
* **Student must file Application for Graduation for Bachelor’s in Year 4**
* **Student must apply for admission into the Master’s program prior to the start of year 5**
* **The following courses may NOT be counted towards the bachelor’s degree: Graduate courses in Independent Study/Project/Research, Directed Study, Directed Readings, Practicum, Internships, and Thesis.**
* **Coursework completed in this plan cannot be applied towards another graduate degree at UNO**