

Frequently Asked Questions

Accelerated Master's Program (AMP)

Who can join the Accelerated Master's Program?

The Accelerated Master's Program is open to ambitious and high-achieving senior undergraduate students at AUS who meet the program's entry requirements.

What are the benefits of joining the Accelerated Master's Program?

In addition to learning more advanced skills and knowledge by completing some graduate courses while you are still an undergraduate student, you may also save on the fees of graduate courses since the courses taken through the AMP will be counted as part of the undergraduate tuition fees. This means that participating students may finish their master's degrees in a shorter time, which leads to a reduction in the cost of earning the master's degree.

Which AUS master's degree programs can I gain entry to via the Accelerated Master's Program?

All AUS master's programs offer an AMP option except for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

What CGPA do I need to gain entry into the Accelerated Master's Program?

A minimum of 3.50 CGPA is required.

Is there a minimum number of credit hours that I need to complete before I can be accepted into the Accelerated Master's Program?

You must have earned at least 90 credit hours (not including credit hours earned in preparatory and Bridge Program courses).

Can I join the AMP after I complete my undergraduate degree?

No, the program is only available to AUS undergraduate students who have not yet completed their bachelor's degree program.

Do I need to be registered in undergraduate courses during the semester/term I register for the graduate courses as part of the AMP?

To be eligible to register for graduate courses in a semester/term, you should be registered for at least one undergraduate course in that semester/term.

How many master's-level courses can I take as part of the Accelerated Master's Program during my undergraduate study?

You may complete up to two master's-level courses (six credit hours) while completing your undergraduate degree.

Would the graduate courses I take be counted towards meeting my undergraduate degree requirements?

Yes, these graduate courses may count towards undergraduate degree major electives, minor electives, concentration electives and/or free electives. You need to check with your department head for more details.

Would the grades I earn in the graduate courses during the AMP be considered in my undergraduate semester and cumulative GPAs?

Yes, grades earned in graduate courses as part of the AMP will be considered in calculating your undergraduate semester and cumulative GPAs.

How would the graduate courses I complete during the AMP be counted in the master's degree?

Once you complete your undergraduate degree with a minimum CGPA of 3.0, you will then need to apply for admission to the master's program. The graduate courses taken during the AMP will be transferred to your master's degree provided that you earned at least a B grade in the courses.

Can I transfer the graduate courses I took during the AMP to the master's degree if my undergraduate CGPA falls below 3.0?

No, students with a CGPA below 3.0 cannot transfer credit towards the master's degree. However, they can be conditionally admitted to the master's program (see graduate admission section the *AUS Graduate Catalog*).

Would the grades I earn in the AMP graduate courses be considered in my master's degree semester and cumulative GPA?

No, the grades earned in these courses will show as Transfer in your graduate transcript and will not count in the master's degree program CGPA.

How do I apply for entry into the Accelerated Master's program?

You can complete the application form available at www.aus.edu/academics/registrars-services/forms.

14. How do I register for graduate courses after being accepted in the AMP?

You need to complete the registration form to be posted before Fall 2020 registration at www.aus.edu/academics/registrars-services/forms

Am I considered as a graduate student when I am accepted in the AMP?

Students in the AMP are not considered as graduate students.

Am I eligible for undergraduate grants and/or scholarships while participating in the Accelerated Master's Program?

Yes, students in the AMP are considered as undergraduate students and are eligible for undergraduate grants and/or scholarships.

Am I eligible for graduate student assistantship opportunities as part of the Accelerated Master's Program?

No, graduate assistantships are only available to graduate students who are fully admitted to a graduate program. However, a student in the AMP may work with faculty member on a funded research project.

What will be the cost of the courses I take as part of the Accelerated Master's Program?

Graduate courses taken as part of the AMP will be covered by the undergraduate tuition fee structure. The fees are determined depending on the total number of credit hours registered for during the semester as published in the *AUS Undergraduate Catalog*.

If I am not accepted into the Accelerated Master's Program, can I still apply for a master's program at AUS upon completion of my undergraduate degree?

Yes, any student meeting the minimum university admission requirements for admission to graduate studies can apply to a master's program at AUS upon completion of the undergraduate degree.

Do I need to apply to the master's program after completing the undergraduate degree, or is my acceptance in the AMP considered as admission to the master's program?

Students accepted to the AMP will still need to go through the regular application process to be admitted to the master's program. Acceptance in the AMP does not constitute admission to the master's program.

I completed courses through the AMP, but I am not interested in enrolling in a master's degree program at AUS. Would there be any issues?

There is no obligation for students who take courses in the AMP to continue their master's degree at AUS. However, if you want the graduate courses you took through the AMP to count towards a master's degree program at AUS, then you must apply for admission to the program within five years of completing the graduate courses you took through AMP.

Where can I find more information about a particular master's program?

Please visit www.aus.edu/amp for more information about the AMP. You may also check the *AUS Graduate Catalog* and/or contact the Program Coordinator for the master's program. You may also contact the Office of Graduate Studies at ogs@aus.edu.