

# Preparation for Post- Baccalaureate Study

Students who are interested in post-baccalaureate study should, as early as possible in their academic career, take advantage of two valuable sources of information: the graduate catalog of the school/schools to which they intend to apply and a KSU academic advisor in their area of interest. The catalog will outline specific entrance requirements and necessary prerequisites, and the advisor can provide assistance with curricular decisions at KSU. Students should be aware that graduate programs do not necessarily require an undergraduate degree in that specific discipline and that prerequisites may often be completed as elective courses in another major.

## Professional Program Preparation

Some students are interested in applying to graduate or post-baccalaureate professional programs not offered at KSU (dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, social work, for example). Although KSU does not offer pre-professional

programs, many of our major programs of study and course offerings provide students with the opportunity to obtain recommended course work that will satisfy the entrance requirements for professional programs. These students are encouraged to see their advisor or contact a pre-professional program advisor as early as possible in their degree. These advisors can assist students in selecting appropriate course work, suggest strategies for including the course work into a specific program of study, and provide guidance on applying to professional programs. Information and advice about pre-professional preparation can be obtained from the departments listed below. Information for all such programs is also available on KSU's Web site at: [science.kennesaw.edu/chem/prepro](http://science.kennesaw.edu/chem/prepro).

Dentistry	Departments of Biology or Chemistry and Biochemistry
Engineering	Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry or Mathematics
Forestry	Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry or Biology

Law	Department of Political Science & International Affairs
Medicine	Departments of Biology or Chemistry and Biochemistry
Optometry	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Pharmacy	Departments of Biology or Chemistry and Biochemistry
Podiatry	Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Veterinary Medicine	Department of Biology

Degree Program, along with all necessary admissions documentation to the Dean of Graduate Studies by the deadline dates listed below.

No more than nine semester hours of graduate credit may be completed prior to the completion of the baccalaureate degree and admission to a graduate degree program. An undergraduate student enrolled in graduate classes is limited to six semester hours of graduate course work per term and a total academic course load of 12 semester hours per semester.

## Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's Degree Option

The Accelerated Bachelor's Master's Degree Option provides qualified KSU undergraduate students the opportunity to begin graduate studies at KSU in their senior year and to simultaneously satisfy some remaining requirements for the bachelor's degree and the beginning requirements of an advanced degree.

A student may use up to nine credit hours of graduate-level courses offered within a single degree program in meeting the requirements of both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. Students applying for this program must:

- (1) Have completed at least 18 hours of coursework at Kennesaw State.
- (2) Have a KSU GPA of 3.5 or better.
- (3) Be within 21 semester hours of graduation.
- (4) Have written permission of the chair of the department of the undergraduate major to use the graduate level courses as acceptable substitutes to fulfill related requirements of the bachelor's degree (students must satisfy all prerequisites for those graduate courses).
- (5) Meet all requirements for admission into the specified graduate program (except for receipt of the undergraduate degree); and
- (6) Submit an application for admission to the Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's

For students who work closely with their advisors in planning their course of study at KSU, this option offers the opportunity of simultaneously satisfying partial degree requirements for a bachelor's and a master's degree in an accelerated program of study. Upon completion of the undergraduate degree, with a satisfactory undergraduate grade point average, and a grade of "B" or better in all graduate courses completed, the student may move to full graduate status in the same graduate program, and the courses taken as an undergraduate can be applied toward the graduate degree.

Many combinations of undergraduate and graduate programs are possible and are not restricted to the confines of a single discipline or major. For example, integrated undergraduate/graduate programs have been developed for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology leading to a Master's Degree in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Arts in English leading to a Master of Arts in Professional Writing. Students interested in this option must meet with the department chair responsible for the undergraduate major.

Application materials should be submitted to the Dean of Graduate Studies no later than the following dates:

July 15	for Fall term admission
November 15	for Spring term admission
April 15	for Summer term admission

For application materials, contact the Dean of Graduate Studies at 770-423-6738.

This option is not available for students wishing to take courses in the M.Ed. program unless the student has the required certification for admission to the graduate program. For information on the integrated study option for the MSN degree, please contact the WellStar School of Nursing at 770-499-3230.

## **KSU Graduate Programs**

Kennesaw State University offers a number of Master's degrees, which are described under Programs of Study. Complete descriptions of the admission and degree requirements are detailed in the Kennesaw State University Graduate Catalog. Additional information can be obtained from the Graduate Admissions Office, the Graduate Program Directors, and on-line at:

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/graduate/>

## **Graduate Entrance Examinations**

Most graduate programs require graduate entrance examinations similar to the undergraduate SAT tests. Although KSU does not actually administer these tests, students may obtain registration information about the GRE, GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT in the CAPS Center.

