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Accelerated Bachelor's - Master's (ABM) Degree Option

The Accelerated Bachelor's-Master's Degree Option provides qualified KSU undergraduate students the opportunity to begin graduate work 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.

Students 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 course work 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 (including tests such as GMAT or GRE) into the specified graduate program (except for receipt of the undergraduate degree); and
6. Submit an application for admission to the ABM Degree Program, along with all necessary admissions documentation to the Dean of the Graduate College by the deadline dates listed below.

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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.

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 graduate 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. Students interested in this option

must meet with the department chair responsible for the undergraduate major as well as the Dean of the Graduate College.

For application materials, contact the Dean of the Graduate College at 770-423-6738 or go to www.kennesaw.edu/graduate. Students may not apply online for this program. Submit application materials to the Dean of Graduate College no later than the following dates:

July 9 for Fall term admission

November 12 for Spring term admission

April 8 for Summer term admission

The ABM program is not available for students wishing to take courses in the Coles Executive MBA, Master of Science in Nursing, or Master of Science with a major in Applied Computer Science programs. The accelerated 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. Contact the Bagwell College of Education for more information at (770) 423-6043; <http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/grad>.

Graduate Certificate Program in Leadership and Ethics

The Graduate Certificate Program in Leadership and Ethics is an initiative of the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character. The Graduate Certificate Program is a unique opportunity for graduate students to explore the interface and interdependence of leadership and ethics.

Leadership and Ethics graduate students will combine advanced education in leadership and ethics with graduate course work in other disciplinary areas at Kennesaw State University. Students in the certificate program will complete a minimum of 9 of the required 15 certificate hours within the Siegel Institute, and the remaining credit hours in an existing KSU graduate program.

Certificate Requirements for Career Growth Master of Business Administration (MBA) Students

Option 1

ILEC 8800 – Foundations of Ethics

ILEC 8810 – Foundations of Leadership

ILEC 8980 – Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

MGT 8050 – Leading Work Behavior

MGT 8070 – Management Ethics in Decision Making

Option 2

ILEC 8800 – Foundations of Ethics
 ILEC 8980 – Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture
 MGT 8050 – Leading Work Behavior
 MGT 8070 – Management Ethics in Decision Making
 MGT 8840 – Reinventing Business Leadership

Choose one of the following:

ILEC 8900 - Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics
 ILEC 8940 - Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics

Certificate Requirements for Master of Public Administration (MPA) students

ILEC 8800 – Foundations of Ethics
 ILEC 8810 – Foundations of Leadership
 ILEC 8980 – Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture

Select two courses from the following:

PAD 7250 – Leadership and Ethics in Public Service
 PAD 6670 – Human Resource Management in Public Service
 CM 7100 – Introduction to Conflict Management

For Admissions Requirements, and Certificate requirements for other KSU graduate programs, please go to <http://siegelinstitute.org/degree.php>.

Course Descriptions

ILEC 8800. Foundations of Ethics. 3-0-3

This course will emphasize the study of foundational texts and figures in eastern and western ethics. Before studying a particular culture, it is important to develop a world view based upon an understanding of ethics. The course begins with the study of the philosophical theory of cultural differences. Using this heuristic as a conceptual framework, the course undertakes a close reading of seminal texts in history of western and eastern ethics. The course culminates in a brief introduction to applied ethics to demonstrate how these foundational theories can be applied to specific case studies.

ILEC 8810. Foundations of Leadership. 3-0-3

Historical and contemporary leadership theories will be studied including transactional, transformational, contingency, and followership. An emphasis will be placed on the moral dimensions of leadership and ethics. Competencies of leaders and followers will be contrasted. Students will gain insights through personal leadership and character assessments.

ILEC 8980. Leading and Shaping an Ethical Culture. 3-0-3

This course will focus on assessing and building an ethical culture within an organization. Instruction will include a study of the legal requirement for managing and developing an ethical organization. Topics such as the Sarbanes-Oxley, the due diligence of the 1991 U.S. sentencing guidelines, methods for measuring the ethical culture of an organization and diagnosing problems, risk analysis, best practices in compliance and ethics, and how to recognize, analyze, and address ethical issues will be discussed. Students will learn how to lead in ways that create a strong ethical culture including how to identify and train 'ethical culture carriers'.

ILEC 8900. Special Topics in Leadership and Ethics. 3-0-3 (Repeatable)

Selected contemporary topics in leadership and ethics of interest to faculty and students.

ILEC 8940. Directed Study in Leadership and Ethics 1 to 3 (Repeatable, for a maximum of 6 credit hours)

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and approval of program director
 Advanced study or special topics student projects in leadership and ethics.

Concentration in Gerontology

This concentration is available to all KSU graduate students, regardless of program, who wish to pursue applied careers in the various fields and professions that have components in gerontology and/or geriatrics. This interdisciplinary program provides core knowledge of gerontology and lifespan human development in conjunction with more specialized and in-depth training specific to particular disciplines in which students are planning to work (e.g., nursing, public administration). The concentration features the opportunity for graduate students to develop specific sets of practical skills for use in a variety of applied markets.

The Concentration in Gerontology consists of 9 semester hours:

GERO 6100 - Sociocultural Aspects of Aging

GERO 6200 - Health Care for Older Adults

GERO 6300 - Psychology of Aging

Course Descriptions

GERO 6100. Sociocultural Aspects of Aging. 3-0-3

Focuses on the social and cultural aspects of aging. Topics covered: demographic variables and trends, culture and socialization, social structure (family, politics, religion, work and retirement, education), social problems associated with aging (living arrangements, transportation, crime, abuse, health status, income), diversity among the aged population, issues of intergenerational conflict, the health care system, programs and services, and death and dying.

GERO 6200. Health Care for Older Adults. 3-0-3

Designed to serve a variety of students who are interested in the health care of the aging adult. This course addresses the normal and psychopathological aspects of aging, treatment regimes, end of life issues, and health promotion strategies within the context of cultural perspectives.

GERO 6300. Psychology of Aging. 3-0-3

Psychological perspectives in the field of gerontology are presented. This course covers current psychological theory and research in aging as well as the practical application of these materials. The major topical areas covered include biological, cognitive, and psychosocial aspects of aging.

Any KSU graduate student may register for these classes. Decisions concerning substitution of one or more of these courses for specific graduate degree requirements are made by the Program Director of the degree program.