

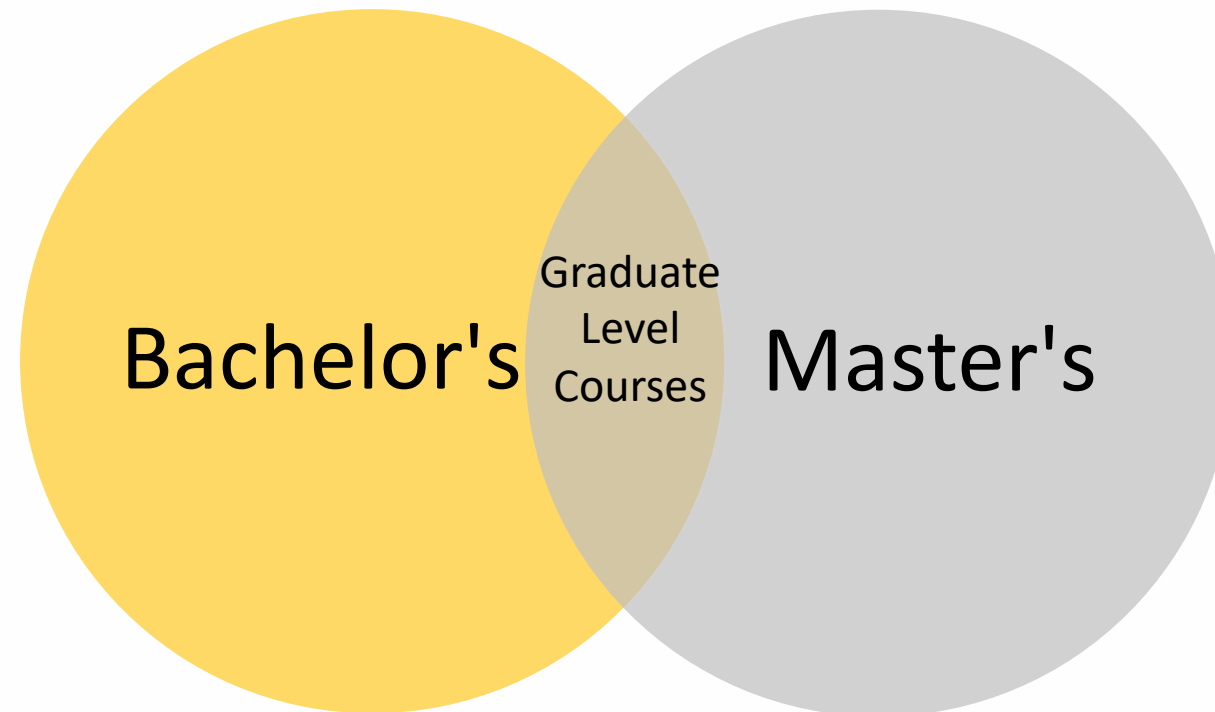
DOUBLE OWL PATHWAYS

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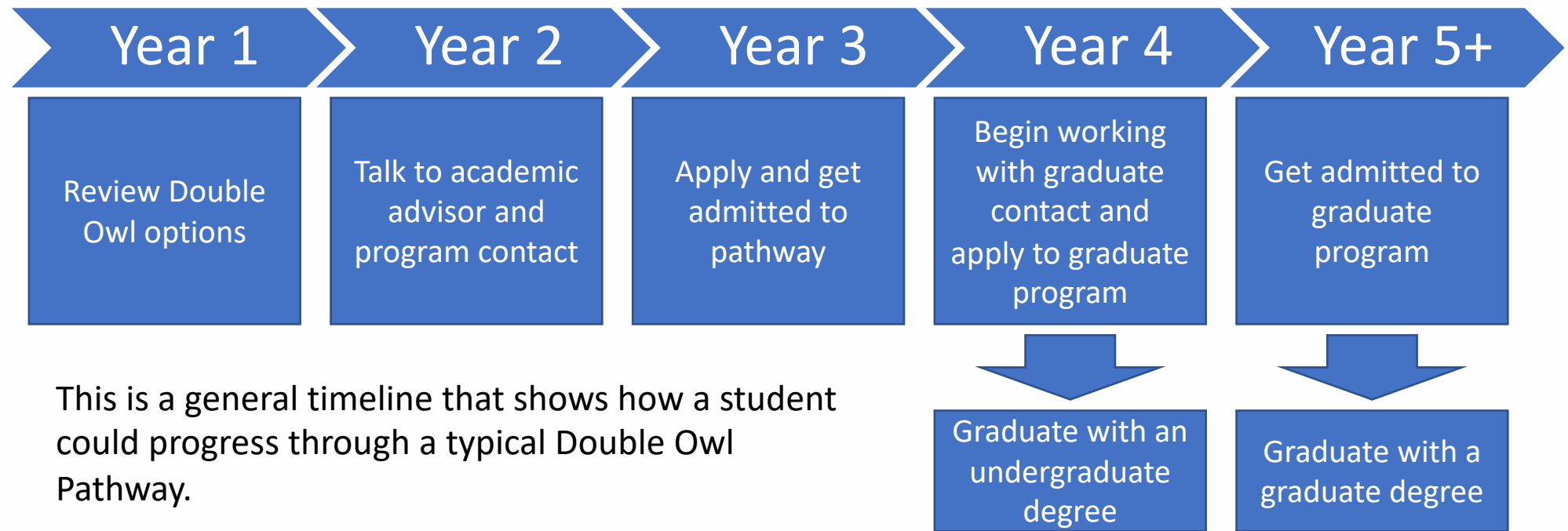
Accelerated Undergraduate to Graduate Degrees



What is Double Owl?

- The Double Owl program combines undergraduate and graduate programs into *pathways* that allow qualified students to complete a bachelor's degree and master's degree in an accelerated model.
- Through a Double Owl Pathway, students take up to 9 credit hours of graduate-level courses as an undergraduate student that may be used to satisfy both undergraduate and graduate program requirements.
- By earning both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in an accelerated model, students can save time and money while positioning themselves for success after graduation.
- Pathways can include undergraduate and graduate programs within one department in one school/college; two departments in one school/college; two departments in different schools/colleges

Student Timeline



This is a general timeline that shows how a student could progress through a typical Double Owl Pathway.

Details regarding pathway-specific deadlines and sample programs of study for each Double Owl Pathway will be found on the Double Owl website.



Advisor Roles

Undergraduate program coordinator and advising contact: Individual(s) who can provide further guidance to students regarding the undergraduate degree program requirements

Graduate program coordinator and advising contact: Individual(s) who can provide further guidance to students regarding the graduate degree program requirements

Note: An individual may fill multiple roles for a pathway

Key Advising Issue: Review student's courses to see if they can use the approved double counted courses. If they cannot there is no advantage for them to be a Double Owl. If an approved double counted courses indentifies a slot in the undergrad program that has already been filled with an undergrad course the double counted course will not work.



Applying to Double Owl Pathway

- Students use the online inquiry form in OwlExpress to express an interest in a Double Owl Pathway. The inquiry will be routed to an appropriate advisor for pathway advising.
- Students use the online application in OwlExpress to apply to a Double Owl Pathway. This triggers an email to both the undergrad and grad approvers.
- Using the criteria established by each program, student applications are reviewed by both the undergraduate and graduate program and are accepted or denied entrance into the pathway.
- The system will generate a decision email to the student, copying both graduate and undergraduate program contacts. They can then send any additional information to the student, if they wish.
- Acceptance into the pathway allows students to take the required graduate-level courses that will satisfy both the undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.
- Acceptance to the pathway does not guarantee admission to the graduate program.



Applying to the Graduate Program

- Students work with the graduate advisor to apply to the graduate program, typically during their fourth year. The application is made through the Office of Graduate Admission's Graduate Application.
- Each Double Owl Pathway has its own requirements for graduate admission.
- Admission to the graduate program should be effective for the term after the undergraduate degree is awarded.
- Student completes the graduate program and graduates with master's degree at the end of the program.

Student Eligibility

- The Double Owl Pathway is available for all qualified undergraduate students regardless of admission type (Freshman/Transfer).
- Criteria for acceptance into a Double Owl Pathway is determined by the department(s) offering the pathway.

Registration and Courses

- After acceptance into a pathway, students may register for the specified graduate-level courses.
- Students can take up to 9 hours of graduate-level courses as an undergraduate student that count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree program requirements.
 - *KSU may allow students to take additional graduate courses before completing the bachelor's degree, however, any courses above the approved 9 hours would not count in the undergrad program and would require an acceptance in the graduate degree program first. There may also be financial aid implications.*
- The graduate-level courses that undergraduate students take while still pursuing the undergraduate degree will appear as graduate courses and display in the program of study in DegreeWorks twice, once to fulfill undergrad requirements and again in “unused”. Once the student moves into the graduate program, those courses will reverse in DegreeWorks.
- The courses will remain listed on the official transcript as graduate courses throughout.
 - They do compute in the UG GPA
 - They do count towards degree completion and show in DegreeWorks.
 - They do compute in the Graduate GPA when student transitions to the graduate program.



Financial Aid

Please refer students with questions about financial aid to the Office of Student Financial Aid



Pathway Proposal

- Proposal process managed by the Curriculum office
- Proposal form being put in Curriculog
- Routing through undergraduate and graduate committees then to the Curriculum office
- Since both the graduate and undergraduate programs are already approved, the Curriculum office is looking to make sure the proposed “double counted” course maintain the integrity of the undergraduate degree. The graduate degree curriculum remains unchanged.



Double Owl Website

doubleowl.kennesaw.edu

The Double Owl website contains information for both students and faculty/advisors, including:

- Career and academic opportunities
 - Sample program of study
 - Pathway admission requirements
 - Approved double counted courses
 - Graduate admission requirements
 - Advising contact information
- FAQs
 - Link to program proposal system and faculty/staff information including some data



Questions?

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