

**ACCELERATED MASTER'S DEGREE (AMD)
Program Proposal**

GC#10: AMD

Prepare **one** paper copy with all signatures and forward to the Graduate Council Chair. Additionally, send **one** identical ELECTRONIC COPY with all supporting documentation as an e-mail attachment by to the Graduate Council Chair for electronic distribution to the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee.

Guidelines for an AMD Proposal

Accelerated Master's Degree Programs may be developed between an undergraduate and graduate program in a single department, between two programs in a single school/college or between programs in two different schools/colleges. AMD programs enrich the opportunities of the best undergraduates at Marshall University, enabling them to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree in much less time than it would take following the traditional path. **AMD students do not double count credits. They can take up to 12 graduate credits to be applied to the master's degree in place of 12 undergraduate elective credits. They will earn the undergraduate degree with up to 12 fewer credit hours, depending on how many graduate hours they take.**

Rationale: The proposal should identify the rationale or need for an AMD, and, if the undergraduate and graduate programs are in different departments, clarify how they are appropriate for the AMD.

Rationale:

Admission Requirements: The proposal should state whether admission requirements for the AMD differ from regular admission requirements (e.g. waive test scores).

Admission Requirements:

AMD Credits: The proposal may allow an undergraduate student to earn a maximum of 12 credits in approved graduate courses to be applied to the master's degree. **These 12 credits take the place of 12 undergraduate electives.** Please note the maximum allowed credits.

AMD Credits:

Curriculum: The proposal should show how a student can complete the Bachelor's degree **by lowering the number of undergraduate credits (up to 12) with up to 12 graduate credits that will apply to the master's degree.**

Curriculum:

Student Eligibility: AMD applicants must have a minimum over-all grade point average of 3.30 and 3.30 in the major. Programs may require a higher GPA. Please note your required GPA.

Student Eligibility:

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AMD Proposal

Department:

Allowable credits:

Student eligibility requirements:

Approvals

Signatures

Undergraduate Advisor

Date

Graduate Studies Director

Date

Dean, Undergraduate College

Date

Graduate Council Chair

Date