Accelerated GRADuate Enrollment (AGRADE)
The Graduate School

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What is AGRADE?

- In the Accelerated GRADuate Enrollment (AGRADE) Program, highly qualified seniors may enroll simultaneously in an undergraduate and a graduate program.

- A maximum of 16 credits of select graduate courses may be applied as dual credit for both an undergraduate and graduate degree in the student’s field of study.

- Students who elect the AGRADE program may expect to complete their Bachelor's and Master's degrees in five years of full-time study.
AGRADE Programs

• The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences established the first Accelerated Graduate Enrollment (AGRADE) program in 1988.
• There are 36 AGRADE programs currently with over 70 students enrolled:

  **Mike Ilitch School of Business**
  - Finance
  - Global Supply Chain Management
  - Information Systems Management
  - Management
  - Marketing

  **College of Nursing**
  - Professional Nursing
  - Adult Care Nursing (Geriatric Care)
AGRADE Programs

College of Engineering

Alternative Energy Technology
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Technology
Industrial Engineering
Manufacturing Engineering
Materials Science
Mechanical Engineering
AGRADE Programs

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Anthropology
Biological Sciences
Biomedical Physics
Criminal Justice
Dietetics
Economics
English
History
Linguistics
Mathematics

Nutrition and Food Science
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Affairs
Romance Languages
Sociology
Urban Studies
Why AGRADE?

• Faster graduate degree completion
  • Earn both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in as little as 5 years

• Lower costs than earning two separate degrees in the traditional manner
  • Take graduate credits at undergraduate tuition rates.
  • Estimated tuition savings (based on 12-16 credits per academic year):
    • Business: $9,437
    • CLAS: $10,907
    • Engineering: $12,486
AGRADE Eligibility

• AGRADE applicants must have an outstanding GPA (minimum 3.5 overall and 3.6 in field of study)

• Superior performance in field of study (as determined by the department)

• 90 undergraduate credits earned

• Only courses where the student earns a B grade or higher will be transferred to the graduate transcript
Applying for AGRADE

• A student seeking AGRADE status must apply through the department

• Most programs require the student to:
  – Meet with undergraduate and graduate advisors to discuss program requirements
  – Complete the Dual Credit Enrollment Form
  – Complete an AGRADE or Master’s Plan of Work
AGRADE Scholarship

• The AGRADE scholarship pays up to 4 credits of the in-state Graduate School tuition rate (approximately $2,941)

• Fall 2017 Semester Deadlines:
  • Announcement Date: February 20, 2017
  • Submission Deadline Date: March 24, 2017
  • Award Notification: Late April
  • See www.gradschool.wayne.edu/funding
Proposing a New AGRADE Program

• AGRADE programs may be developed between:
  – Two programs in a single department
  – Two departments/programs in a single school/college
  – Departments/programs in two different schools/colleges

• The graduate office of the school/college that houses the master’s program has administrative responsibility for the AGRADE program.
Steps to Propose a New AGRADE Program

• Specifics on establishing a new AGRADE program, and an example can be found by visiting:
  https://wayne.edu/gradschool/faculty/program-proposals/agrade/.

• Items to include:
  – Rationale
  – Maximum AGRADE credits
  – Student eligibility
  – Assessment Plan
  – Department and School/College Approvals
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