SECTION 6

<u>ACCELERATED BACHELOR'S/MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM (ADP)</u>

<u>Overview</u>

The Accelerated Degree Policy (ADP) is designed to provide Marquette University undergraduates a more efficient means to obtain a master's degree. The program benefits the university by retaining our best students for master's study. Minimum academic criteria are established by each participating unit for students who have a high academic potential (typically 3.000 or above) and want to start taking graduate-level courses during their undergraduate careers, some of which will count toward both their undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Undergraduates participating in this program are granted early admission to the Graduate School and are allowed to take specified graduate-level courses during their junior or senior years.

Departments and programs with existing bachelor's degree programs may create an accelerated path to a current master's degree by accepting 5000-level courses from undergraduate work.

The ADP proposal guidelines are only for programs with <u>current bachelor's and master's programs that can be combined.</u> Academic units that want to <u>create a new program, or modify the master's degree in other ways, should follow the appropriate procedures laid out within the Academic Program Approval Guidelines.</u>

The ADP proposal guidelines only apply to proposals in the same or closely related department/program and meet the following requirements:
1. Approved bachelor's programs already in the bulletin
2. Approved master's programs already in the bulletin
3. No new courses
4. No additional financial resources
5. No additional space requirements
6. No additional staff requirements
7. No impact on accreditation

<u>Proposal</u>
Program proposals for accelerated degree program are composed of only the program description section.

1. The automated <u>CourseLeaf program</u> will be used for submission of the proposal for an accelerated degree program. The online approval form should be completed by the department submitting the proposal, the proposal and other supporting documentation should be attached to the online approval form. The online approval form and the proposal documentation are submitted via the automated review/approval process.

*** Even though an ADP is submitted in <u>CourseLeaf</u> as a modification the proposal documentation for an ADP must be included in the submission.

2. Program description
   a. Name of the sponsoring department or program and approval by the chair.
   b. Current structure of the bachelor's degree.
   c. Current structure of the master's degree.

d.   Current and future availability of 5000-level courses.
e.   Statement of available resources in place for the accelerated program.
f.   Statement that no additional resources will be required to initiate and maintain the accelerated degree program.
g.   Statement that there will be no effect on accreditation if applicable.
h.   Anticipated timeline to commence enrollment in the accelerated degree program.
i.   Projected enrollment projections for the three academic years beyond commencement of the accelerated degree program.
j.   Identification of the stage at which a student may enroll in the accelerated degree program.
k.   The admissions requirements and procedure for the accelerated degree program
l.   The advising procedure for the accelerated degree program.
m.   A description of the accelerated degree program to be included in both Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins.

Note: Academic units may petition the Dean of the Graduate School if they intend to implement more restrictive requirements than those required by the Graduate School.

3.   Assessment Plan
Assessment of the combined degree will normally use the same metrics as the current master's program.

4.   Market Demand Analysis
No market demand analysis or business analysis will be required unless there are any additional resource demands.

5.   Once submitted online, the CourseLeaf workflow and digital signature approval process will follow automatically:
- Dean endorses and signs online approval form.
- Registrar concurs with program title and course(s) number and signs online approval form.
- Office of Finance is informed of proposal
- The Dean of the Graduate has approval authority for ADP

Flow Chart for
Academic Program Review/Approval Process
Accelerated Degree

PROPOSAL

Submit via CourseLeaf
↓
Dean approves proposal
↓
Office of Finance informed

Dean of the Graduate School
(Approves)

Program Approval Grid (attachment D)