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Creating a QuickStart Program

QuickStart Programs, also called BS(BA)/MS(MA) or 4+1 programs, allow advanced undergraduate students the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in as few as 5 years. Departments who are interested in creating a QuickStart Program should refer to these guidelines for formation policies. Questions may be directed to the Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education and/or the Office of the Registrar at any stage in the process.

General Rules for All QuickStart Programs:
1) Program must be approved by all parties (listed in the Approval section of this document)

2) The bachelor's degree and master's degree must be the same program unless specifically approved otherwise in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

3) Students may complete a maximum of 12 credits during their undergraduate degree that will be applied to the graduate degree also
    a. Maximum of 6 credits may be shared between the UG and GR degree
    b. Maximum of 6 credits may be reserved for graduate credit during the UG degree
    c. All of the graduate coursework policies apply to these courses (see the graduate student policies in the University of Wyoming Catalog)
        i. Rule of 12
        ii. Dual-listed 4000-/5000-level classes

Order of Approval:
1) Department
2) College (incl. college curriculum committee, if required)
3) Grad Ed (Associate Vice Provost's Office) for review and referral to:
4) Grad Council
5) Deans & Directors
6) AVP Grad Ed
7) Provost

Notifications after Approval:
1) Office of Admissions
    a. Documents the department wants to review as part of the application
    b. Number of recommendations required
    c. When the application should be opened/closed
    d. What terms the department is accepting applications for (e.g., Fall 2020)
2) Office of the Registrar
    a. QuickStart section must be added to the subsequent academic year Catalog
    b. Departmental Graduate Coordinator should discuss QuickStart with the appropriate Degree Analyst