

The MAP to Your Success: MASTER'S ACCELERATED PROGRAMS AT NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

What is the MAP?

- Opportunity for select students to take graduate level courses while still an undergrad.
- Courses count **as electives** towards graduation at baccalaureate level.
- After graduation, these credits are assigned a graduate level to be applied towards Masters-level studies.
- Students can share up to 12 credits of graduate coursework between their baccalaureate and master's degrees.

What are the advantages for students?

- Cost – their undergrad financial aid may subsidize up to 12 credit hours of graduate coursework
- Accelerates the progress of your masters level program completion
- Many students would need only 1 year after their BA/BS degree to complete a MA/MS/MPH/ /MBA
- Even if you don't end up matriculating to NMSU for a grad degree, it shows prospective grad universities that you are capable of grad-level work and enhances your profile/competiveness
- Triple dipping – the grad courses selected must count as electives towards an undergrad degree, as requirements for future grad level study, *and* as an Honors course through the Contract system (6 upper division HON credits earns Honors Certificate, 18 HON credits earns University Honors)
- Masters level degree increasingly required for jobs, this facilitates career planning
- This can help speed up your progress in interdisciplinary programs, such as the MBA program designed for Engineering graduates

How do I get into a MAP program?

- Each academic department decides whether they want to participate in the MAP.
- There is a university-wide application form, and each department decides whether you will be accepted, and what courses can be counted in the MAP.
- Even if your department does not participate in the MAP, you may still be able to take graduate level course credits that will count toward your graduation, towards Honors, and may transfer to a graduate university elsewhere.
- Check with the department head of your program to learn more about the MAP.