

Accelerated BA/BS in Political Science to MPA

Students accepted into an accelerated undergraduate program may take departmentally approved graduate coursework as part of their undergraduate curriculum. These credits will count towards both their bachelor's and master's degrees and can fulfill major requirements, upper-division requirements, and/or free electives. For details on accelerated programs at Idaho State University, please see (Degree Requirements).

Once accepted into the accelerated BA/BS degree program enroute to the MPA program, students should communicate with both their undergraduate advisor and advisors in the MPA program. It is important that the courses that you choose to take for graduate credit be either **MPA** core or specialized courses. Also realize that acceptance into the accelerated program during the bachelor's degree program is the first step in the admissions process. A separate application to the Graduate School is necessary for all accelerated programs. For more information regarding application and admission to the Graduate School at Idaho State University, please see the Graduate Admissions section of the graduate catalog (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/graduateadmissions/>). (<http://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/graduateadmissions/>)

Students in the accelerated BA/BS to MPA may select up to 12 credits (four courses) from the following:

Code	Title	Credits
POLS 5505	Introduction to Public Administration	3
POLS 5509	Community and Regional Planning	3
POLS 5551	Public Organizational Theory	3
POLS 5552	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
POLS 5553	Public Policy Analysis	3
POLS 5554	Public Personnel Management	3
POLS 5558	Public Administration Ethics	3

Students should understand that 9 credits can be used to fulfill their free POLS undergraduate electives. If they chose to do another 3 credits at the 5000 level, those three credits can count as upper division credits for their undergraduate degree.

This accelerated program gives outstanding bachelor's degree students in a "fast-track" option to pursue graduate-level coursework towards the Master in Arts degree during the last two semesters of undergraduate coursework and count up **to 12 credits** of that coursework towards completion of the bachelor's degree. For details on application and admission into the Accelerated program, please see coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/artsandletters/politicalscience/mpa/. (<https://coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/artsandletters/politicalscience/acceleratedmpa/coursecat.isu.edu/graduate/artsandletters/politicalscience/mpa/>)