

# NEW Accelerated BS/MS Degree Program

Students in the UCO Engineering Physics program who maintain a distinguished record may now apply to the EP master's program through the Accelerated BS/MS Program. Acceptance into this program is an honor which carries with it practical benefits, one of which is the simplification of the graduate application process (no GRE is required). In addition, students have access to graduate level courses before completing their bachelor's degree and the opportunity to continue their undergraduate research under the direct supervision of UCO's faculty.

During their senior year, students accepted into this program will be able to take three courses, required for the BS degree, at the graduate level. These courses (9 hours) will count towards both the BS and the MS degrees, thus allowing the MS degree to be obtained in a timely manner.

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## **Applicants must be Juniors who will be enrolling in Senior Design I this Fall**

Students applying to the Accelerated BS/MS Degree Program must submit the following items to the EP Department Accelerated program Admissions Committee by March 5 in the spring semester of their junior year: **This date is extended to March 25 for 2011!**

1. Completed Application for Admission Form.
2. Official copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each institution attended.  
Transcripts must show:
  - a) The applicant is a UCO Engineering Physics major.
  - b) A minimum overall GPA of 3.00.
  - c) A minimum overall GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in all Engineering and Physics courses specified in the junior year for their major. Grades for engineering courses taken in the spring semester of the junior year will be reviewed when courses are completed to verify these requirements.
3. Two letters of recommendation from Engineering & Physics faculty.
4. A statement of purpose describing the applicant's
  - a) Plans and rationale for graduate study at UCO.
  - b) Intentions toward and involvement in research activities.

However, meeting or even exceeding these minimum requirements does not guarantee admittance to the program. Successful applicants are often further distinguished by a high level of accomplishment outside of their coursework through internships or research experiences.

NOTE: All applicants must receive approval for admission to the program from the department's Accelerated Program Admissions Committee. The three courses to be taken at the graduate level are specified in the *2011 Undergraduate Catalog* for the major being sought.

For more information, see your Faculty Advisor or Dr. Morshed Khandaker.