

Western Illinois University, School of Graduate Studies
**REQUEST FOR INTEGRATED BACCALAUREATE AND MASTER'S DEGREE
PROGRAM**

College: _____ Date: _____

Department: _____

Name of department chairperson: _____

Name of degree program: _____

Proposed date of first offering: _____

Proposed location(s) of offering: ___ Macomb ___ WIU-QC

Signatures required:

Department Curriculum
Committee (if appropriate) _____ Date: _____

Department Chairperson _____ Date: _____

College Curriculum
Committee (if appropriate) _____ Date: _____

College Dean _____ Date: _____

Graduate Council _____ Date: _____

Academic Vice President _____ Date: _____

An Integrated Baccalaureate and Master's degree program provides the opportunity for outstanding undergraduates to earn both degrees in five years. Typically, a baccalaureate degree requires four years to complete and a master's degree requires an additional two years. However, the integrated degree programs are intended to be accomplished over a period of five years. In addition to earning both degrees a year early, the integrated programs may include additional opportunities to participate in a variety of experiential educational activities such as a master's project or thesis.

The following items are required to support the request for an integrated baccalaureate and master's degree program:

1. Statement of educational objectives of the program and the academic soundness of permitting coursework to serve both degree requirements.
2. Statement of demonstrated need for the integrated program (market demand and/or students needs to be served).

3. Listing of programs offered by other Illinois colleges and universities that are similar to the proposed integrated program.
4. Number of credit hours permitted to satisfy both the baccalaureate and master's degree. (Maximum of nine)
5. Cumulative GPA requirements for admission to the program.
6. Major GPA requirements for admission to the program.
7. Specific departmental qualifications and methods of evaluation for students applying to the program.
8. Statement indicating whether the inclusion of this integrated program in the department's curriculum will necessitate the hiring of new faculty or if it can be taught by existing staff. In the latter case, indicate how a teaching load is to be redistributed to accommodate the new offering.
9. Description of any special space requirements such as laboratories, clinics, or other special facilities needed to permit effective teaching of the integrated program.
10. Listing of journals or other library resources needed to permit effective teaching of the integrated program.
11. Description of any special equipment that will be necessary to permit effective delivery of the integrated program.
12. List the integrated program requirements (clearly indicate which course(s) will be used to satisfy both undergraduate and graduate degree requirements).