Accelerated Graduate Degree Programs
at Western Michigan University

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- Established in 1903 as a Normal School
- Carnegie Classification- Doctoral Universities: Higher Research Activity
- Total enrollment fall 2016- 23,252 (4,939 graduate)
- Higher Learning Commission accredited
Accelerated Graduate Degree Programs

- 19 accelerated masters and one Au.D.
  - 9 in engineering
  - 3 in math/science
  - 3 in health science
  - 2 in social science
  - 2 in fine arts
Accelerated Graduate Degree Programs

• Programs that wish to add an AGDP option must go through the university curriculum process for approval.

• Up to 12 hours of designated 5000 and/or 6000 level courses could be used in both the Bachelor's degree and the graduate degree.

• Students will pay undergraduate tuition for these courses as long as they are undergraduates.
Admission to the AGDP

- Minimal criteria for admission include: a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 based on at least 45 earned hours, 15 of which shall be earned at WMU.

- Students intending to enroll in any AGDP must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout their baccalaureate degree, or their admission to the AGDP will be revoked.
Advising for the AGDP

• Once admitted, the dept. will send the student and the registrar an AGDP Course Approval form stating which graduate courses may be counted in both degrees.

• Graduate courses substituting for required courses within the undergraduate degree must be designated by the program as equivalent in content but delivered with graduate level rigor.
Administration of the AGDP

• Registration for the graduate courses for the AGDP students is done *manually* by the Registrar's Office.

• The graduate courses, taken while the student is still an undergraduate, will appear on the student's graduate transcript.

• When a student completes their bachelor's degree, the Registrar's Office staff *manually* add the graduate hours earned to the student's undergrad transcript.
4+1 Programs

• Used concept of AGDP to build 4+1 programs with partner institutions.

• Cooperative agreements allow transfer of 6 credits of designated upper level undergraduate course work when students earn B or better.

• These agreements also allow a maximum of 6 graduate credits by credit by examination as credit/no credit course work.
Thank you!