

Fall 2010 Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Program



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Priority Deadline for High School Seniors: February 5, 2010

Final Deadline for all applicants seeking admission to the program prior to summer early registration: May 10, 2010.

The Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Program offers you the opportunity to customize your academic pursuits based on demonstrated strengths and personal goals. Departments currently participating in the program are **Anthropology, Business, Communication, Computer Science, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Economics, Elementary Education, English & Writing, Foreign Languages & Literatures, Health & Physical Education, History, International Studies, Mathematics, Physics and Sociology.**

The following admission materials must be completed to allow faculty members to effectively review your suitability for the program and determine the appropriate general education reductions. With these reductions you will be able to take normal course loads, have time to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, and still complete your college degree in just three years.

Besides the major you identify in this application, you should also have time to complete a minor. Is there a second area you would like to pursue in addition to your major? Perhaps there is an area that would support your career goals and your major studies. Minors are not limited to the departments participating in the program, but may be from any department on campus.

You are welcome to submit your application materials in stages. When your file is complete, faculty will review it thoroughly. We should know if you will be accepted within three weeks, slightly longer if you are submitting near the final deadline. If you have questions about sections you are working on, there are examples on our web site at www.sou.edu/abp. If you still have questions feel free to contact the individuals listed on the back of the brochure.

Admission Requirements—Submit the following items to:

Southern Oregon University
Accelerated Baccalaureate Program
1250 Siskiyou Blvd.
Ashland, OR 97520-5032

1. A high school transcript showing one of the following criteria:
 - A 3.4 cumulative HS GPA.
 - A 3.2 cumulative HS GPA and a combined SAT score of at least 1150 on the critical reading and mathematics sections with neither individual section below 500, or
 - A 3.2 cumulative HS GPA and composite ACT score of 25 with scores of at least 22 on both the math and English sections.
2. An essay addressing your interest in the Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Program and the specific major you have chosen (minimum 500 words). Discuss the qualities and abilities you possess that would make you successful in the program such as self-discipline, writing and critical thinking skills, and academic accomplishments in your chosen major. (The quality of this essay is one of the items used to assess your writing and critical thinking ability for a possible general education reduction in that area.)
3. Three recommendations need to be completed using the enclosed forms.
Who should you ask for recommendations?

- If you have a job or volunteer in an area related to the major you've chosen, you may want to ask your supervisor to complete a recommendation form.
- At least two recommendation forms should be from your teachers. One of these needs to be from a current teacher. The other one could be from another current teacher or one you had last year.
- Choosing a teacher who can talk about your preparation for the major you've selected would be an excellent choice.
- Choosing two teachers from the same school area (see list below) would *not* be a wise choice. You want to select teachers who know you well and can talk about your abilities in *different* subject areas.

School Area	Choose from these Subjects
Arts and Letters	<i>Art, Music, Theater, English, Foreign Language, or Speech</i>
Sciences	<i>Computer Science, Mathematics, or any Natural Science</i>
<i>Social Sciences</i>	<i>any Social Studies area including subjects such as History, Geography, Economics, or Political Science</i>

4. A résumé listing awards, honors, and extracurricular achievements and interests.
5. Two samples of exceptional work must be included with your application.
How do you choose from all the different things you've done?
 - One work sample should be a recent research paper that demonstrates your writing ability, your ability to critically evaluate information from different sources, and your ability to present a clear, effective argument to support your thesis statement.
 - One work sample should be related to the major you've selected. This sample is frequently a written assignment or project, but could also include photographs, artwork, videos, or any other media that allows you to demonstrate your ability, dedication, and interest in your chosen major.
6. In addition to this application for the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program, complete an application for admission to Southern Oregon University and send it to the Admissions office.

Program Requirements

1. Throughout the year there are individual meetings each term with the Administrative Program Assistant, your advisor, and questions of the week to answer. There will also be a spring meeting with everyone in the program.
2. Each student is required to complete a between 135 and 151 credits, depending upon the number of general education reductions. The Accelerated Baccalaureate advisor and committee determine which general education credits each student must complete based on factors such as the student's background and teacher and counselor recommendations. Students entering the program with outstanding backgrounds in science and math, for example, will be asked to concentrate their general education in arts and letters and social science.
3. In consultation with their advisors, students develop a yearly contract to ensure normal progress toward the degree. Students who for any reason--such as illness, change of major, or academic problems--do not make normal progress are required to switch to a 180-credit four-year degree program.