



Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree Program

Final Deadline for all Fall Term 2009 applicants: October 16, 2009
Return all application materials to Central Hall 226 (Math Department Office)

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 and Criminal Justice, Economics, Elementary Education, English and Writing, Foreign Languages and Literatures, Health and 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.

Submit all materials listed below at the same time. **Application packets may be sent via Campus Mail to the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program or dropped off in Central Hall 226 by Friday, October 16.** You should complete the department interview on or before Friday, October 9. 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 contact Mary Ann Wright at 552-8109 or email mwright@sou.edu.

Minimum Admission Requirements

A 3.4 cumulative high school GPA, or 1150 SAT math and verbal sections, minimum score of 500 in each or 25 ACT (with minimum 22 on math and English sections) and successfully apply with acceptance to the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program as outlined below or a 3.2 cumulative high school GPA plus 1150 SAT or 25 ACT.

Application Process

The following materials must be submitted by Friday, October 16, 2009.

1. 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.)
2. Two recommendations need to be completed using the enclosed forms.
Who should you ask for recommendations?

- At least one recommendation should be from a **high school teacher or counselor you had during your senior year**. Choosing an individual who can talk about your preparation for the major you've selected would be an excellent choice.
 - 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.
 - If there is an SOU faculty member or another high school teacher or counselor who knows you well and can talk about your abilities in different subject areas, he/she would also be a good choice.
3. Department Interview: You must schedule an interview with the Accelerated Baccalaureate representative for your major. The interview should be completed on or before Friday, October 10, 2008. Plan on spending up to one hour in the interview process.
 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 must 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 must 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.

Program Requirements

1. Students admitted to the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program during the fall term will be required to schedule an individual meeting with the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program Assistant. During the first year students must meet with the Accelerated Baccalaureate Program Assistant at least once per term.
2. Each student is required to complete between 135 and 151 credits, depending on the number of general education reductions received. 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 complete the switch to a 180-credit, four-year degree program.

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