

Statement of Intent to Enter an Accelerated Graduate Program and Graduate Credit Approval BS-Exercise Science & MS-Occupational Therapy

(Form to be completed upon notification of admittance to the MSOT program)

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The Accelerated Graduate Program allows exceptional undergraduate students at Murray State the opportunity to complete the requirements for both their bachelor's and master's degrees at an accelerated pace – typically with just one additional year. Applicants to this program must meet the following criteria:

- current MSU Exercise Science undergraduate student
- need 30 or fewer credit hours to complete all baccalaureate degree requirements
- undergraduate cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 at the time of application to the OT program

Additional program-specific requirements for graduate admission may exist. Visit MSU's OT webpage.

Qualified students who are seeking admission to an accelerated graduate program may take advantage of various benefits, including fewer total credit hours to degree, less time to degree, cost savings, and undergraduate level tuition/scholarships/financial aid for portions of a master's program.

MSU ID: M _____ Name: _____
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By signing below, the student certifies the following:

- I intend to enter the Accelerated Graduate Program to complete both a baccalaureate degree in Exercise Science and a master's degree in Occupational Therapy.
- I currently have an undergraduate GPA of _____.
- I have completed and/or enrolled in at least _____ hours of undergraduate coursework.
- I understand I must have a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 to apply to the MSOT program and that I must earn a B or better in all MSOT prerequisite courses. See the university bulletin for detailed information.
- I understand I must complete the credit hours necessary for my undergraduate area/major confirmed by my RACR degree audit for my catalog year, and also complete any additional requirements for my baccalaureate degree including a second major or minor (if applicable) and general education curriculum.
- I understand the baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 credit hours and the master's degree requires a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours. A maximum of 30 MSU graduate credit hours (Accelerated Program Credit) may be applied toward both the baccalaureate and master's degrees.
- I understand the baccalaureate degree must be awarded at least one semester prior to completion of the master's degree and that I must apply for graduation for both degrees by the posted deadlines found on myGate.
- I understand I may take a maximum of 30 MSU graduate OT credit hours (Accelerated Program Credit) while classified as an undergraduate student.
- I understand grades earned in Accelerated Program Credit will count in both the undergraduate and graduate degrees and cumulative GPAs.
- I understand that I will be required to apply to the MSOT program using the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application Service (OTCAS) by the established deadline. Once admitted to the MSOT program, I understand that I will then be required to officially apply to MSU's Graduate Program and pay the admission fee during my last semester in my baccalaureate program (i.e. spring semester first year of the MSOT program).

- Once admitted to the MSOT program, OT graduate courses in the first year will be applied to my BS in Exercise Science. While completing my baccalaureate degree, I will be considered an undergraduate student, eligible for all undergraduate student privileges including undergraduate tuition, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities. After I have completed all baccalaureate degree requirements, I must be admitted as a graduate student in the master's program and will no longer qualify for undergraduate classification for any purpose.
- I understand if I am dismissed or I voluntarily drop out of the accelerated graduate program, I will not be eligible to use the Accelerated Program Credit toward any graduate degree; however, the courses will continue to apply toward the undergraduate degree.

The following MSU graduate courses are approved to apply toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. A maximum of 30 credit hours is allowed for this accelerated program. Changes to these courses require a new form to be submitted and reapproved. Submit the Accelerated Graduate Course [Registration Worksheet](#) at least two weeks prior to start of semester.

MSU Graduate Course Prefix & Number	Hours	Substitute this graduate course for the following undergraduate degree requirement	Semester/Year Taken (Registrar Use Only)	Grade Received (Registrar Use Only)

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Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Graduate Advisor Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Graduate Chair/Program Coord Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Undergraduate Advisor Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Undergraduate Chair Approval: _____ Date: _____
 Registrar's Office Approval: _____ Date: _____

Returned completed form to: Office of the Registrar

For Office of the Registrar/Graduate Admissions Use Only:

UG GPA @ time of intent: _____ Hrs earned/enr @ time of intent: _____ Need <= 30 hrs for bacc degree: _____
 SGASADD attribute added: _____ Adv change: Sherri Powers Copy to SFS & VA: _____
 Registration Worksheet received and processed: Semester 1: _____ Semester 2: _____
 Semester 1: SHAINST term: _____ UG Course Attribute added/GPA recalc: _____ RACR: _____
 Semester 2: SHAINST term: _____ UG Course Attribute added/GPA recalc: _____ RACR: _____
 Applied for baccalaureate degree: _____
 Hold added until admitted as GR student once max Accelerated Program Credit (30 hours) reached: _____
 Admitted as GR student: _____