Accelerated Graduate Programs

• Motion by the BSU Graduate Committee
  o For BSU to allow accelerated graduate programs,
  o that only 5000 level classes may be double counted for both undergrad and grad programs
  o with no more than 12 credits dual counted

This would allow a BSU student to complete a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree with up to 12 total credits less than going the traditional route of first completing a Bachelor’s degree and then pursuing a Master’s degree.
• Procedure 3.36.1 Academic Programs
  o Part 2. Subpart U. Graduate Course Enrollment. There are four types of graduate course enrollment that specify which students are permitted to enroll in a graduate course.
    • Master's Dual-Enrollment. Master's dual-enrollment courses are open to undergraduate students and graduate students at the master's level. (> BSU’s 5000 level classes)
    • Master's. Master's courses are open only to graduate students at the master's level. (> BSU’s 6000 level classes)
  
• Part 3. Subpart B. Academic Award Attributes. Academic awards shall have the following attributes.
  9. Master's Degree. A master’s degree is awarded upon completion of a 30 to 54 credit academic program at the graduate level in a discipline or professional field.
    • ...
    At least one-half of the required credits in a master’s degree, exclusive of a thesis, capstone, or similar culminating project, shall be credits restricted exclusively to graduate student enrollment. (> BSU’s 6000 level classes)
    • ...

http://www.mnscu.edu/board/procedure/336p1.html
Currently at BSU

• **Seniors** with “Special graduate student status”
  - Can take 5000 level classes but cannot count them toward their undergraduate degree

• **Financial Issues for student’s to consider**
  - Graduate classes are more expensive
  - Financial Aid might not cover graduate classes or limit how many credits at the 5000 level they can take per semester
MnSCU Examples

• St. Cloud State University
  o Information Assurance (M.S.) - Five-Year B.A./M.S. Track
    • http://www.stcloudstate.edu/graduate/information-assurance/five-year-track.aspx
  o Applied Economics (M.S.) – Five-Year B.A./M.S. Track
    • http://www.stcloudstate.edu/graduate/econ-applied/five-year-track.aspx