

## THREE PLUS TWO (3+2) PROGRAMS

A 3+2 program is intended to provide an accelerated path to earning both a baccalaureate and a master's degree. Both the baccalaureate and master's degree requirements are completed in five years by means of shared coursework.

### Problem Statement

UNM does not currently have a policy regarding approval of, and requirements for 3+2 programs. Three such programs have been proposed for the 2011-2012 academic year. We believe that UNM needs formal rules for such programs to guide development of curriculum proposals, Catalog entries, transcription of shared courses, degree audit encoding, student advisement, etc. Such rules will ensure consistency in 3+2 programs now and in the future, and ensure that current minimum requirements for baccalaureate degrees (128 hours) and master's degrees (Plan I or Plan II minimum hours) are met. These rules should allow for some graduate-credit-eligible courses taken at the undergraduate level to be applied both the undergraduate and graduate degree, so that the accelerated nature of the 3+2 program can be achieved. Simply put, we need define a "legal" way to double-dip courses/hours for the two degrees.

### Existing 3+2 Programs

Anderson School of Management and School of Engineering both refer to 3+2 programs in the University Catalog. Although neither College gives specific detail about the structure of the program (see excerpt from University Catalog), the ASM Graduate Advisor provided the following information:

A&S undergraduate students in the 3+2 program select six of the seven MBA core courses, 18 hours, to complete as undergraduates during the senior year. Those seven courses do not have pre-requisites. The seven courses are MGMT 501, 502, 504, 506, 508, 511, and 522.

Undergraduate Engineering students take five courses, 15 hours, and ASM accepts their 300 level statistics course in lieu of MGMT 501.

Currently there are 13 students in the ASM 3+2, 12 from College of Arts and Sciences and one from School of Engineering. ASM plans to strategically recruit Engineering students in Fall '11 to build the number of participants from that college.

### Form C proposals for 3+2 programs for 2012-2013

The Departments of Geography and Economics have submitted a Form C to create a 3+2 program for a B.A. in Economics and an M.S. in Geography.

The School of Public Administration and the Department of Economics have submitted a Form C to create a 3+2 program for a B.A. in Economics and an M.P.A.

The School of Public Administration and University College have submitted a Form C to create a 3+2 program for a B.U.S. and an M.P.A.

#### Proposed 3+2 program requirements

- All undergraduate degree requirements, including college requirements, must be met.
- The graduate portion of program must meet Plan I or Plan II minimums without counting courses taken at the undergraduate level.
- A minimum of 12 hours, and maximum of 24 hours of graduate-credit-eligible courses may be taken in undergraduate status and applied again (double-dipped) to the graduate degree.
- Shared hours must be a proscribed set of courses that meet an undergraduate requirement, such as that of a minor, concentration, emphasis, second major, distributed minor.
- Proposed shared courses will be transcribed as undergraduate until a 3+2 student is formally accepted to the graduate portion of the program. Following graduate admission the courses also will appear on the non-degree graduate portion of transcript (thus double-dipped).
- 3+2 programs should identify in their curriculum proposals and published materials how students who choose not to complete both degrees will be handled.
- The 3+2 program must be approved through the Faculty Senate curriculum process, and is not available for individual student design.

#### Other considerations

- A consistent naming convention should be established for such programs, e.g. 3+2, Three Plus Two, Three-Two, etc.
- A definition should be created for such programs, and included in the Curriculum Terminology Glossary.

#### Catalog Excerpts for Existing 3+2 Programs

Anderson School of Management:

##### ***The “Three-Two” Program***

*The Anderson School’s Three-Two Program allows students completing an undergraduate degree outside the Anderson School to begin their M.B.A. studies early. It is recommended that students complete Business Calculus and Microeconomics before applying. For the first three years of university studies, the student pursues a normal program of undergraduate work. During the junior year (90 hours) of academic work, the student applies for admission to the M.B.A. program of the Anderson Graduate School. Students must not take any management classes prior to their acceptance into this program with the exception of MGMT 113. In the senior year of academic work, the student begins the first year of the M.B.A. program and also completes the requirements for a bachelor’s degree in the undergraduate field using their*

*graduate work to complete a business minor. In the final year of study, the student completes the second-year requirements and electives of the M.B.A. program.*

School of Engineering:

**3 + 2 B.S./M.B.A. Program.** *The School of Engineering recognizes that many engineers become managers of engineering programs and projects and thus require training in business methods beyond their engineering training. In cooperation with the Anderson School of Management (ASM) at the University of New Mexico, the School of Engineering offers a "3 + 2" program of studies leading to the B.S. and M.B.A. degrees in five years. This program involves selecting core and technical electives that are compatible with both degree programs and applying to the M.B.A. program at the end of the junior year of engineering studies. Consult your departmental advisor in engineering and the advisors for the M.B.A. program in ASM for details of this program.*