

URBS ACCELERATED PROGRAM

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies (BSUS) program consists of online and hybrid courses requiring 120 credit hours. At least 30 credit hours must be completed at TSU. At least 42 of the 120 hours credit hours must be at the 3000 and 4000 level. Accelerated courses are rotated on a fixed schedule, beginning in the Fall semester of each year. Students in each cohort will be required to proceed through the program together. The program must be completed within eighteen months, which includes three semesters and one summer. For each semester and summer, students will be required to maintain a 15 credit hour academic course load and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.7. Students who fail to maintain the minimum GPA requirement or are unable to maintain the 15 credit hour course load will be allowed to opt out of the accelerated program and transfer into a regular, un-accelerated program to complete their degree. Prior to registering for the first semester of classes, all students must meet with the accelerated program advisor to review program requirements, and to complete an Agreement of Understanding, which sets out the responsibilities of the URBS program and the students. Thereafter, all students will be required to meet with the accelerated advisor each semester to discuss their progress and to plan for the next semester.

Admission Criteria

Students accepted into the BSUS accelerated program must:

- Be fully accepted into Tennessee State University
- Apply to the Urban Studies Accelerated program and attend an interview with the Urban Studies Advisor
- Possess a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Students must transfer a minimum of 60 transferrable semester hours to TSU, including all 41 credit hours of TBR General Education requirements, and at least 18 additional credit hours of electives. The 18 additional elective hours include:
 - ECON 2010 Principles of Economics I (3 hours)
 - SOWK 3200 Cultural Diversity (3 hours)
 - MGMT 3010 Management & Organization Behavior (3 hours)
 - URBS 3000 Community Leadership and Public Service (3 hours)
 - URBS 3601 Introduction to Public Administration (3 hours)
 - URBS 4700 American Government Institutions & Urban Governance (3 hours)

Retention Policy

Students admitted to the BSUS accelerated program must meet the following requirements in order to remain in the program and graduate on time.

- Meet with their advisor each semester to plan for their timely progress towards graduation.
- Complete the remaining credits toward the 120 credit hours within 18 months. At least 42 credit hours of the 120 degree hours must be at the 3000 and 4000 level. At least 30 of total credit hours must be completed at TSU.
- Maintain an academic load of 15 hours per semester and summer.

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75

Application Process

Applicants for the BSUS accelerated program must be fully admitted to TSU to be eligible for consideration. The TSU online admission process can be accessed at:

<http://students.tnstate.edu/admissions/apply-admissions>

A separate BSUS program application is required for acceptance into the BSUS accelerated program. Please contact Ms. Laura Wiens at lwiens@tnstate.edu or 615 963 7201 for an application.

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The application package must include:

1. An unofficial copy of transcript documenting the following requirements:
 - a) A minimum GPA of 3.0
 - b) A minimum of 60 transferrable semester hours transferred to TSU
 - c) Completion of all 41 hours of Tennessee Board of Regents General Education Requirements, plus at least 19 additional credit hours of electives
2. Proof of acceptance into TSU
3. A statement of purpose explaining why the applicant seeks admission to the Accelerated BSUS program
4. Two letters of recommendation from previous instructors

Schedule

SEMESTERS	COURSES	INSTRUCTOR (Tentative)
FALL 2013 (15 hours)	URBS 2010-98 URBS 3670-98 NPMN 3500-98 NPMN 4100-95 NPMN 4500-98	Robinson Triplett Robinson TBD Gibran
SPRING 2104 (15 hours)	URBS 3030-98 URBS 4600-98 URBS 4850-98 SOCI 4510-98 Elective (3)	Gibran Robinson Padgett TBD
SUMMER 2014 (15 hours)	URBS 4900/4905-80 URBS 4520-98 Electives (9)	TBD Gibran Unknown
FALL 2014 (15 hours)	URBS 3910-98 NPMN 2100-95 NPMN 3100-95 SOCI 3000-98 Elective (3)	Robinson Triplett Triplett TBD Unknown

Total: 60 hours

***Please Note:** Students within this Cohort will receive a BS in Urban Studies and a Minor in Nonprofit Management & Leadership