AGRADE Program in Philosophy

Overview
Accelerated Graduate Enrollment (AGRADE) procedures enable qualified seniors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to enroll simultaneously in the undergraduate and graduate programs of the College. Students may elect a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of sixteen (16) AGRADE credit hours. These will be used to complete the baccalaureate degree as well as to serve as the beginning of graduate study. Upon formal admission to a Master's degree program, AGRADE courses are treated as if they were graduate credits transferred from a graduate program at another university. The remaining graduate credits required for the Master's degree will be earned in the usual manner following formal admission to the graduate program.

Tuition
Students will receive undergraduate tuition rate for the AGRADE graduate course credits that they complete as an undergraduate. Because the Masters Program requires 32 total credits, this amounts to as much as a 50% tuition reduction for the Masters degree.

Eligibility
AGRADE applicants must have an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.50 or better. Applicants are also expected to have at least a 3.50 GPA or better in Philosophy coursework.

Time of Application
The earliest a student may apply for the AGRADE Program is the semester in which he/she completes 90 credit hours towards the undergraduate degree.

Application to the AGRADE Program
Students seeking admission to the AGRADE program in Philosophy should consult the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the Director of Graduate Studies. The completed application must include the following:

1. An up-to-date WSU transcript.
2. A Masters Program Plan of Work, developed in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies and the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The Master's Plan of Work must designate the type of Master's Degree being chosen (Plan A, B, or C). If the Plan of Work includes upper-division courses in which both undergraduate and graduate students participate, AGRADE students will be held to the course standards required of the graduate students. Once approved within the department, the Plan of Work will be delivered to Andrea Harp, Student Services, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2155 Old Main. Once the Plan of Work is approved and processed by CLAS, then the student is officially enrolled in the AGRADE program. Note: the AGRADE plan of work must be filed no later than the 2nd week of classes for new applicants. The Master’s Plan of Work form is available online at: http://clas.wayne.edu/Multimedia/CLAS/files/Students/AGrade/Plan%20of%20Work%20.pdf.

AGRADE Registration
Registration for approved AGRADE coursework is no different from normal registration procedures. If any approved courses are at the 7000- or 8000-level; the student may have to obtain a registration override from the department.
**Application to the Graduate Program**
A student enrolled in the AGRADE program as an undergraduate must still apply separately for the Graduate Program. During the final semester of the student’s undergraduate career, the student should provide the Graduate Admissions Committee of the Philosophy Department all of the material required for normal admission. (Details of the department's admissions procedures can be found at http://clas.wayne.edu/Philosophy/Graduate-Programs.) The student will then be reviewed for formal admission into the department's graduate program. As long as students maintain satisfactory progress in their AGRADE courses while they are still an undergraduate, it is expected that they will be accepted to the Master’s program and will be allowed to complete the Master’s degree.

**Receipt of Bachelor's Degree**
AGRADE students will receive their Bachelor's degree at the normal time. Acceptance to the AGRADE does not commit students to completing the Masters degree. Upon receiving their B.A. in Philosophy, students may choose not to continue pursuing the M.A.

**Transfer of Courses**
Following formal admission into the Department's Master's Program, AGRADE coursework will be entered onto the graduate transcript by the Office of the Registrar. Students who drop the AGRADE program at any time prior to completion of the Master's degree will not have AGRADE courses posted on the graduate transcript. Because grades of "B-", “C” and "D" are treated differently at the graduate and undergraduate levels, only those AGRADE-approved courses in which the student subsequently earns a "B" or higher will transfer to the graduate transcript.

**Retroactivity**
Courses already on the student's transcript at the time of application cannot be approved for AGRADE status. Students who have already completed the Baccalaureate degree are not eligible for AGRADE status.

**Graduate Program**
For more information about the Masters Program, consult the Graduate Student Handbook: http://clasweb.clas.wayne.edu/Multimedia/Philosophy/files/Grad%20Student%20Handbook%20May%202012.pdf

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