

Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Program Application

Instructions:

Prior to completing this application, you should discuss your intention to apply to an SSE accelerated bachelor's to master's (ABM) program with the appropriate graduate program coordinator. They will be able to assist you with program specific requirements and expectations.

For admission to a non-thesis masters program, complete the first page of the application and attach a goal statement (single-spaced, maximum 2 pages) to this application. After signing, submit to SSEgrad@slu.edu by February 13, 2026. The Graduate Affairs office will route your application to the appropriate program for approval.

For admission to a thesis-masters program, you may be asked to identify your thesis advisor prior to application to the ABM program. If that is the case, complete the first part of page 2.

For admission to a thesis MS-Engineering program, complete the application, attach a goal statement, and complete page two of the document. You will need to identify and secure a signature from the faculty member who will serve as your research mentor. Please submit the completed application to SSEgrad@slu.edu by February 13, 2026.

Upon approval by the relevant program, you will receive an email with a letter of provisional admission to the ABM program and your Banner records will be coded to reflect your educational goal of pursuing the accelerated program. You will remain classified an undergraduate for the purposes of financial aid and scholarships until your bachelor's degree is awarded.

Please review the Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Guidelines document for additional information.

Timeline:

- Nov. 3, 2025: Application open
- Feb. 13, 2026: Applications due
- March 20, 2026: Students notified of admissions decisions

Early April: Registration for Fall courses

Provisionally admitted students will receive instructions in their admission email regarding process for course overrides to ensure they can register for the appropriate graduate courses for the fall term.

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Applicant Name: _____ **Banner ID:** _____

SLU Email Address: _____

Baccalaureate Program: _____

Master's Program/Department: _____

Current GPA: _____

Credit Hours Completed: _____ **Credit Hours In Progress:** _____

Semester you anticipate completing your Bachelor's requirements: _____

Name and Signature:

(Student Signature)

(Date)

Once you have completed the application, email the application and your goal statement to SSEgrad@slu.edu. The SSE Grad Affairs team will forward your materials to the graduate program for further review.

For students seeking the thesis-based MS program, you will also need to complete the next page of the application (pg. 3).

For SSE Grad Administration:

(Graduate Program Coordinator's Signature)

(Date)

(Associate Dean's Signature)

(Date)

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FOR THESIS PROGRAMS

Students who plan to complete a thesis as part of the Master's program may be required to identify a faculty member who will serve as the research mentor before submitting the completed application.

Research Mentor/Committee Chair:

Name

Signature

Date

Engineering students should outline the scope of your research (including a timeline of thesis work) and meet with the faculty member before submitting the application.

Biomedical Engineering requires that a research mentor be chosen and the Goals Statement include how the Senior Project (Capstone Project) will be connected to the Master's Thesis. The mentor must be consulted regarding that connection. Biomedical Engineering seniors in the BS-MS Program will register for BME 5955 Capstone Project 1 first semester of senior year and BME 5965 Capstone Project 2 second semester of senior year instead of Senior Design as 6 of the 15 hours that will count for both degrees.

Important Notes:

Students who do not finish the program by the Summer of their 5th/MS year can apply for 1 semester extension, with no guarantees the extension will be approved. During this 1 semester extension, they may be allowed to register in 0 hours of Thesis research (requires research advisor's approval). If students do not finish their program within the extension semester, they will be required to register in a minimum of 3 hours each semester thereafter, until they graduate.

_____ *applicant initials*