

Brown University

GUIDELINES FOR ACCELERATED GRADUATION

Students are expected to enroll in 32 courses over four years. However, students who have passed 30 courses, have met all degree requirements, and who wish to graduate *in fewer than eight semesters*, must petition the Committee on Academic Standing for permission to do so. Permission will be granted only in exceptional cases. The following guidelines represent ‘necessary’ but not ‘sufficient’ conditions that the Committee on Academic Standing will employ in reviewing your petition for Accelerated Graduation:

1. **Academic performance:** You are expected to be in good academic standing and to have demonstrated a strong academic record. A strong academic record is one in which you passed courses with a preponderance of A’s and/or S’s with Distinction.
2. **Breadth of study:** Your program of study must include courses consistent with the goals of a liberal education. In particular, you should take courses that range across the humanities, social sciences, and physical and life sciences. At least 14 courses of your courses must be outside your area of concentration.
3. **Depth of study:** Academic concentrations provide in-depth study in a particular field, however, you are also expected to explore areas outside your concentration(s) that are above the introductory level. In particular, you should develop a course of study that includes a sequence of courses or several courses exploring a particular subject or subjects from multiple perspectives.
4. **Tuition Requirement:** Brown requires that students accumulate eight semesters of enrollment units to graduate. Students who are approved for accelerated graduation after seven semesters must still meet this requirement by paying the tuition charge for the eighth semester.

(Please Note: If you are interested in being considered for Accelerated Graduation must make an appointment with the Chair of the Committee on Academic Standing, Deputy Dean Stephen Lassonde at x3-6244.)