Double Owl Pathway

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Presentation to the Advising Council
Accelerated Undergraduate to Graduate Degrees

Bachelor's

Graduate Level Courses

Master's
What is Double Owl?

• The Double Owl program combines undergraduate and graduate programs into pathways that allow qualified students to complete a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in an accelerated model.

• Through a Double Owl Pathway, students take up to 9 credit hours of graduate-level courses as an undergraduate student that may be used to satisfy both undergraduate and graduate program requirements.

• By earning both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in an accelerated model, students can save time and money while positioning themselves for success after graduation.

• Pathways can include undergraduate and graduate programs within one department in one school/college; two departments in one school/college; two departments in different schools/colleges
This is a general timeline that shows how a student could progress through a typical Double Owl Pathway.

Details regarding pathway-specific deadlines and sample programs of study for each Double Owl Pathway will be found on the Double Owl website.
Student Timeline

• Year 1: student reviews the available Double Owl Pathways on the Double Owl website
• Year 2: student talks to advisor(s) about the pathway(s) of interest and discusses any courses needed in order to apply to the pathway in year 3
• Year 3: student applies and gains acceptance to their desired pathway
• Year 4: student takes graduate-level courses that apply to both the undergraduate and graduate
  • student applies to and gains acceptance to the graduate program
  • student graduates with the bachelor’s degree at the end of year 4
  • If a student chooses not to continue or is not admitted to the graduate school, the student may still use the graduate-level coursework they completed as an undergraduate student toward completion of the bachelor’s degree.
• Year 5: student takes graduate-level courses exclusively and graduates with the master’s degree at the end of the graduate program.
Advisor Roles

**Pathway advisor:** Individual(s) who will help provide further information regarding the pathway (i.e. application and admission, curriculum, etc.)

**Undergraduate advising contact:** Individual(s) who can provide further guidance to students regarding the undergraduate degree program requirements

**Graduate advising contact:** Individual(s) who can provide further guidance to students regarding the graduate degree program requirements

Note: An individual may fill multiple roles for a pathway
Applying to Double Owl Pathway

- Students may use the online inquiry form to express an interest in a Double Owl Pathway. The inquiry will be routed to an appropriate advisor for pathway advising.
- Students use the online application to apply to a Double Owl Pathway.
- Using the criteria established by each program, student applications are reviewed by both the undergraduate and graduate program and are accepted or denied entrance into the pathway.
- Acceptance into the pathway allows students to take the required graduate-level courses that will satisfy both the undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.
- Acceptance to the pathway does not guarantee admission to the graduate program.
Applying to the Graduate Program

- Students work with the graduate advisor to apply to the graduate program, typically during their fourth year. The application is made through the Office of Graduate Admission’s Graduate Application.

- Each Double Owl Pathway has its own requirements for graduate admission.

- Admission to the graduate program should be effective for a term after the undergraduate degree is awarded.

- Student completes the graduate program and graduates with master’s degree at the end of the program.
Student Eligibility

- The Double Owl Pathway is available for all qualified undergraduate students regardless of admission type (Freshman/Transfer).
- Criteria for acceptance into a Double Owl Pathway is determined by the department(s) offering the pathway.
Registration and Courses

• After acceptance into a pathway, students may register for the specified graduate-level courses.

• Students can take up to 9 hours of graduate-level courses as an undergraduate student that count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree program requirements.
  • *KSU will allow students to take additional graduate courses before completing the bachelor’s degree, however, any courses above the approved 9 hours would not count in the undergrad program and would require an acceptance in the graduate degree program.*

• The graduate-level courses that undergraduate students take while still pursuing the undergraduate degree will appear as graduate courses and display in the program of study in DegreeWorks.

• The courses will remain listed as graduate courses throughout.
  • They do not compute in the UG GPA
  • They do count towards degree completion and show in DegreeWorks.
  • They do compute in the Graduate GPA when student transitions to the graduate program.
Tracking Double Owl Students

- As we move through the pilot phase, the College of Graduate and Professional Education (CGPE) will track Double Owl students.
- A request to UITS has been made to develop a more robust tracking through Banner.
The Double Owl website contains information for both students and faculty/advisors, including:

- List of approved programs
  - Program-specific information
  - Program contacts
- Student Stories (to be developed as program matures)
- FAQs
- Link to program proposal system and faculty/staff information
Double Owl Website: Pathway Specific Information

The following information is listed for each approved Double Owl Pathway:

- Career and academic opportunities
- Sample program of study
- Pathway admission requirements
- Graduate admission requirements
- Advising contact information
Financial Aid

Please refer students with questions about financial aid to the Office of Student Financial Aid
Questions?

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