# Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication Accelerated Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree Program

**Student Agreement and Declaration of Intent**

**Student Name: Affiliate ID #**

**Undergraduate Degree Program: Graduate Degree Program:**

The accelerated bachelor’s/master’s degree program (hereafter, the “program”) requires a total of 144 credit hours. The bachelor’s degree requires 120 credit hours. The master’s degree requires a total of 36 credit hours of graduate level coursework, 12 of which are shared with the B. A. degree. At least six of these shared credits must be at the 500-level or above, and a maximum of six can be at the 400-level. The remaining 24 credits must be at least 500-level.

Students pay undergraduate tuition for the first 120 credits, which apply to the bachelor’s degree. Students become eligible for assistantships and other forms of graduate financial aid once they complete their bachelor’s degrees, begin the master’s phase of the program and are assessed graduate tuition.

Students who wish to pursue the joint degree must meet with their assigned Cronkite School academic adviser as soon as possible to evaluate their completed credit hours and gather information on the classes they will be required to complete over the course of the program. The Student Agreement and Declaration of Intent must be signed by each student intending to participate in the program.

Students may officially apply to the master’s program through Graduate College when they have completed 75 credits of undergraduate degree course work with at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA. Once admitted, students may begin taking courses that will be shared between the degree programs once they complete 90 credit hours. In order to ensure students are taking the courses required for this special program, students must meet with their Cronkite School adviser each semester and take courses as advised.

To remain in the accelerated program, a student must:

* Meet with a Cronkite School adviser at least once each semester for a mandatory advising session;
* Maintain at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA;
* Have their bachelor’s degree posted ad matriculate as a graduate student before taking the non-shared 24 credit hours of required master’s degree course work;
* Adhere to policies in the Cronkite School Master’s Student Handbook and Cronkite School syllabi;
* Earn a minimum 3.0 GPA in all 36 credits of courses included on the graduate Plan of Study to earn the master’s degree.

Due to the nature of this special program, if a student does not see their Cronkite School adviser each semester and take the exact courses as advised, the Cronkite School may discontinue the student’s participation in the program.

By signing below, student agrees that s/he has been advised regarding the above stipulations for application and continuing participation in the joint degree program and understands these requirements.

 Student Signature Date

Academic Adviser Date

Assistant Dean Date