Limitless Possibilities: PlusOne Accelerated Master’s Programs

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Agenda

• Why PlusOne?
• Program Structure
• Eligible Undergraduate and Graduate Combinations
• Program and Financial Benefits
• Q&A
Our Presenter

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Program Structure

• What is a PlusOne?

  Accelerated Master’s → credit sharing with Bachelor’s
  Complete Master’s after receiving Bachelor’s
  Master’s Program determines admissions, credit sharing

Bachelor’s Degree  Master’s Degree

Shared credits
Program Structure

• What is a PlusOne?
  Bachelor’s → required course substitutions and/or
  → open elective slots
  Master’s program may also have prep course reqmts

Bachelor’s Degree

Master’s Degree

Shared credits
  Required course subs
  Open elective slots

To complete shared credit courses
Planning for PlusOne

• Time for **applying** for these programs
  No later than one semester prior to Bachelor’s completion
  Earlier for some programs – School of Law PlusJD

• Work closely with student academic advisor
  How/when to apply
  Shared credit course scheduling
  Coordination with destination Master’s school/college

Priority No. 1: Bachelor’s completion!
Planning for PlusOne

- Graduation Admissions Required
  Undergrad admissions – centrally administered
  Grad admissions – distributed in schools/colleges

- Requirements may include:
  Required prep coursework
  Minimum undergrad GPA

- International students
  Must request/obtain new I-20
  See Office of Global Services
Eligible Combinations

- Previous structure
  Fixed combinations in catalog
  Difficult to find various combinations

- New flexibility option
  “Open PlusOne”
  Many more options (ex. PlusJD)

- Coming soon:
  More user-friendly listing of PlusOne combinations
Eligible Combinations

• “Open PlusOne” Example

Master’s in Public Health – one combination!
Previously, Health Science, BS/Public Health, MPH

Now, all Bachelor’s majors

Required courses during UG
  Public Health Administration & Policy
  Environmental Health
  Principles and History of Urban Health
  Society, Behavior, and Health
Program Benefits

- Allows students to **Cross-train** Bachelor’s in one discipline, Master’s in another
- **Specialize** Master’s in same discipline
- Complete advanced training required by job market
Program Benefits

• Allows students to be a true grad student
  - Grad schools likely have stricter GPA requirements
• Decide if further grad study (PhD? EdD?) is right for them
• Can “try out” grad study during shared courses
  - Graduate with Bachelor’s only
  - Continue to Master’s portion

** Accelerates completion of Master’s **
Financial Benefits

- Built-in discount for Master’s
  Shared credits (typ. 2-4 courses) = 25-50% discount
- Career progression over time
  2022: 18% of jobs need Master’s
- Higher salaries
  Starting salaries
  Advanced degree holders
  Earn 35% more than Bachelor’s only holders
Wrap-Up

• PlusOnes enhance your student’s ability to
  - customize
  - personalize
  - accelerate
  their NU experience!

• New Open PlusOne offers more options than ever!
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