Template For Development Of An Accelerated Bachelor's / Master's Program

1. Proposing College(s)/School(s): Human Sciences
   Department(s): Consumer Affairs

2. Program Coordinator(s): Carol Warfield/Paula Peek
   3. Effective Term: Fall 2012

4. Included Programs:
   Undergraduate: B.S. in Interior Design
   Graduate: M.S. in Consumer Affairs

5. Program Hours:
   (Indicate the total number of credit hours (c.h.)
   for each of the programs -- undergraduate and graduate)
   Undergraduate: 124
   Graduate: 30

6. Admission Qualifications:
   □ Credit Hours Earned — Minimum: 45 — Maximum: 96 — At Auburn: 24
   □ Grade Point Average — Major: 3.4
   □ Minimum Grade in Gateway Course — Course(s), Grade(s):
   □ Time Limit to Earn Degree — Undergraduate Program: 9 semesters
   — Graduate Program: 3

7. Retention Standards:
   (Indicate the maximum number of credit hours (c.h.)
   that may be double-counted, as per the guidelines listed above)
   □ Grade Point Average — Major: 3.4
   □ Minimum Grade in Major Course(s) — Course(s), Grade(s):

8. Graduate Course Substitutions:
   (List all courses at the graduate level that will count for undergraduate credit in the program)
   □ CAHS 6300
   □ CAHS 6400

9. Maximum Double-Counted Hours: 8
   (Indicate the maximum number of credit hours (c.h.)
   that may be double-counted, as per the guidelines listed above)
### 10. Justification for Program:

The accelerated BS/MS in Interior Design will provide an opportunity for highly motivated and academically strong students to gain a depth of understanding of interior design beyond that of typical bachelor's level graduates. This should make them more competitive in the job market or for additional graduate studies. In fact, there is a significant shortage of Interior Designers with advanced degrees to be able to teach future interior designers. It will provide additional knowledge and skills for students entering the professional field of interior design, a competitive advantage in the marketplace, and will enable the students to achieve a graduate degree in an accelerated period of time.

(Include a concise, yet adequate rationale for the proposal of the accelerated program -- citing such factors as market need, student demand, etc.)

### 11. Application Process:

INDS students with at least a 3.4 gpa in their major and at least 45 semester hours, but less than 96 semester hours of credit will be eligible to apply for admission to the Accelerated BS/MS program in Interior Design. Applications for the accelerated BS/MS in AMDP will consist of plans of study for both the BS in INDS and the MS in INDS. Applications will be due Oct. 1 in the Fall of the Junior Year. Upon approval by the Undergraduate Program Coordinator, the Graduate Program Officer and the Department Chair, students will be admitted to the accelerated program and may register in the 6000 level courses at the appropriate time in their plan of study.

(Outline the process for acceptance into the accelerated program; include all necessary departmental, college, and other approvals that will be necessary)

### 12. Program Matriculation:

Students will matriculate in the accelerated program at an appropriate time as designated by the plan of study. This would begin in the fall of the senior year of their undergraduate program and continue until the last semester in the normal bachelor’s degree program at which time the B.S. degree will be awarded. The Master of Science in Consumer Affairs would be completed in May of the second year in the advanced degree program. On completion of the BS degree, students must apply to the Graduate School and be accepted into the MS program in the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(Provide a brief narration of the program, as it will be taken by students; include estimated timeframes for application to the graduate portion of the program, completion of the undergraduate portion of the program, and any internships/field experience)

### 13. Academic Advising:

All undergraduate students enrolled in the Accelerated BS/MS in Interior Design program will be required to meet with the undergraduate program coordinator each semester before registering. Graduate students will have a major professor directing their plan of study. The Graduate Program Officer is available as needed.

(Address how academic advising for the student will be handled, from undergraduate program admission through completion of the accelerated program)

### 14. Withdrawal Process:

Students may withdraw voluntarily from the Accelerated BS/MS Interior Design program by notifying the Graduate Program Officer.

(Outline both the process for withdrawing from the accelerated program, as well as the implications on matriculation and earning of undergraduate and graduate degrees)

### 15. Additional Information:

This program will not require any additional faculty or resources.

(Include any additional information regarding the accelerated program that may be pertinent to its review and approval)
Curriculum Models

(Please attach the proposed curriculum models for both the undergraduate and graduate components of the accelerated degree program; a current model for each may be provided as well, for comparative purposes)