

**ACCELERATION WORKSHEET**  
College of Arts and Sciences

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ithaca Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

All students: Fill in Parts I, II and III below.

I. I wish to change my graduation date from \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
month/year month/year

II. I meet the requirements for acceleration under [fill out either a) or b)]:

Condition a): 60 credits before beginning of last four semesters in the college and prerequisites for admission to the major in time to spend *four* semesters in the major.

Semester accepted into major OR semester in which prerequisites for major were completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Credits in DUST Report before last four semesters (assuming change in graduation date): \_\_\_\_\_

Condition b): 48 credits in College of Arts and Sciences courses numbered 3000 and above and prerequisites for admission to the major in time to spend four semesters in the major. No more than three upper-level courses taken in other colleges at Cornell University may count toward the 48 credits and then only if approved as part of the major.

Semester accepted into major OR semester in which prerequisites for major were completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**List of qualifying courses for Condition b)**


III. I will complete my degree requirements by taking the following courses:

Semester:			Semester:		
Course #	Credits	Requirement	Course #	Credits	Requirement

I have read the information in my DUST report and agree that it is correct. I understand that it is my responsibility to know and satisfy all requirements for the degree. If am unable to meet all degree requirements by my accelerated graduation date, I understand that my acceleration will be rescinded. My residency requirement cannot be fulfilled by completing the missing requirements during a winter or summer session.

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM TO YOUR DEAN IN THE OFFICE OF ADVISING, 172 GOLDWIN SMITH

\_\_\_\_\_ Student

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Advising Dean

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

## **Acceleration 2016-2017 Courses of Study**

The faculty of the college desires that each student achieve depth, as well as breadth, from his or her undergraduate education. Indeed, benefiting from opportunities for advanced, seminar, and independent (sometimes honors) work is what best characterizes undergraduate education in the college. When a student feels he or she does not need eight semesters in order to achieve this depth, the student can apply to be able to accelerate by a term (and in rare cases, two terms), compressing the first four semesters into three (or two), and completing the prerequisites for the major in time to spend four full semesters in the major.

A student desiring to accelerate may meet with an advising dean anytime after pre-enrollment two semesters before the desired graduation date (e.g., after pre-enrollment during spring 2016 if the desired graduation date is May 2017), but before pre-enrollment in the desired penultimate semester. The advising dean will confirm whether or not the student meets the eligibility requirements below:

1. **All graduation requirements except for the residency requirement** (120 total credits, 100 Arts and Sciences credits, 34 courses, all college requirements, and the university's physical education requirement).
2. **Either condition a or b:**
  - a. 60 credits before beginning their last four semesters in the college and the prerequisites for admission to the major in time to spend four semesters in the major.
  - b. 48 credits in College of Arts and Sciences courses numbered 3000 and above and prerequisites for admission to the major in time to spend four semesters in the major. No more than three upper-level courses taken in other colleges at Cornell University may count toward the 48 credits and then only if approved as part of the major.
3. 100 credits at Cornell at "C" (not C-) or above. Courses completed with a grade of "S" will count toward the 100 credits. Advanced placement and transfer credits do not count toward this requirement.
4. Students may not use credits earned while on leave of absence to reduce their terms of residence. In other words, they must be eligible to accelerate without applying any credit toward the degree that they earned while on leave.
5. Accelerants may not finish the degree with credits earned through part-time study (unless they meet the guidelines for part-time study), or at an off-campus program, including Cornell in Washington, SEA Semester, Urban Semester, or study abroad. That is, they may not exit through any program other than a regular, full-time Cornell semester in Ithaca.

**Students matriculating as first-year students may not compress their undergraduate education into fewer than six semesters of residence. Transfer students, both from other institutions and from other colleges at Cornell, must spend at least four semesters in the college on campus in Ithaca. Acceleration is thus limited to transfer students who enter as sophomores.**

**If a student does not meet the requirements for acceleration, that student may not petition for an exception. Acceleration is, in itself, an exception to the normal rules of the college, and the Academic Records Committee does not grant exceptions to exceptions.**