

Financial Aid Eligibility For Students Enrolled in a Combined Bachelor's Master's Degree Program

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What is a Combined Degree Program at Kent State University?

Students are considered to be in a combined degree program if they have not completed a first bachelor's degree and they are pursuing both a bachelor's and master's degree during the same semester. Once a student completes the requirements for the bachelor's degree, they will be considered a graduate student if admitted to a master's degree program.

Students interested in this option must meet with their college or major academic advisor to discuss program and course requirements. Students are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor prior to registration each semester.

What do I need to do to be considered for all types of financial aid at Kent State University?

In order to be considered for federal financial aid, students must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please fill the FAFSA out as an undergraduate student and provide parental information if it is required. To be considered for full eligibility, students must submit their Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program form (retrieved from Graduate Coordinator) to the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center.

What are the guidelines for applying for financial aid if I am enrolled in a combined degree program?

1. Students in the combined degree programs will be considered for undergraduate aid only.
2. Even students who have a graduate assistantship will be considered an undergraduate student for financial aid purposes.
3. A combined degree program student cannot receive graduate level loans in any given semester.
4. If a combined degree program student is eligible for the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) only undergraduate hours can be counted toward eligibility.
5. Graduate hours listed on the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program form (retrieved from Graduate Coordinator) that apply to the bachelor's degree can be counted toward federal Pell grant and Direct Loan eligibility.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility for financial aid while enrolled in a combined degree program, please contact the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center.