

Planning Tool for the Accelerated Master of Science in Optics & Photonics (A-MSOP)

The accelerated master's degree allows undergraduate students to make simultaneous progress toward a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Optics and Photonics, preparing them for high-demand jobs in laser engineering, remote sensing, and more. Upon acceptance to the program via the [Graduate School Application](#), undergraduate students can reserve up to 15 credits toward their graduate degree while completing their bachelor's degree. Once they complete their undergraduate requirements, they receive that degree and immediately move into graduate student status. This form is a tool to help the student plan the program courses and credits, and is the first step towards applying for the A-MSOP program. Send the unsigned form for review to optics@montana.edu.

Name: _____ Last 4 digits of student ID #: _____ GPA: _____

Current undergraduate major: _____ Academic Advisor's name: _____

Describe any research you are doing as an undergraduate and who your research advisor is:

What semester and year will you complete your undergraduate degree? _____

Select the plan you will pursue in the A-MSOP degree: ☐ [Thesis](#) ☐ [Professional Paper](#)

Digitally fill in the table below with your plan for completing the A-MSOP degree. List courses to be reserved for graduate credit in years 3 and 4 (max 15) and courses to be taken after your undergraduate degree in years 5 (and 6 if needed). List each course with rubric & number (e.g., EELE 482). Course descriptions and semesters offered are listed on the [course description webpage](#).

Year	Course & Credits Plan			
	A-MSOP			Credits
	Fall	Spring	Summer	
3 (Jr)				
4 (Sr)				
5 (Grad)				
6 (Grad)				
Total Credits				

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Advisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Director Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Please note this represents a starting plan and can be changed while earning your degree.*