

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Q: Is Alverno Accelerate completely online?**

A: Yes! The Alverno Accelerate program is entirely online.

While you will engage with the material and ideas online, you won't be sitting in a Zoom class or listening to a taped lecture. You will have the opportunity to demonstrate and develop your knowledge through projects and assignments within your communities.

## **Q: When do classes take place?**

A: You can work at lunchtime, on weekends, in the morning, even midnight – whenever it works for you! Alverno Accelerate is online asynchronous, meaning that you complete your coursework on your own time, fully online.

As long as you complete your coursework within the eight-week session, you can tackle the material on your schedule.

## **Q: How long will it take to graduate?**

A: Our Alverno Accelerate program is designed to be completed in three years.

The majority of our Accelerate students bring in previous transfer credits, which can shave time off their graduation plan. You can also move through the program at a more gradual pace if that better suits you and your lifestyle. Your faculty coach will work alongside you throughout the entirety of the program and can guide you in selecting learning modules each semester.

## **Q: What is an Experiential Learning Module (ELM)?**

A: Accelerate courses are called ELMs to keep the focus on your learning and how it applies to your personal, civic and professional life. In your ELMs, you will engage with such disciplines as literature, psychology, business and communication. Each ELM gives you opportunities to move away from your computer, apply your learning in your broader life and demonstrate skills needed for the 21st century workforce.

ELMs are typically four credits each and are designed to be completed in eight weeks. [Explore some of our ELMs here.](#)

**Q: Do you accept transfer credits?**

A: Absolutely! Alverno Accelerate will accept all credits of C- or better from institutions of higher education that have been accredited by their regional accrediting body.

Students new to Alverno need to complete 30 credits with us, which can be achieved through coursework and credits for prior learning.

**Q: I have experience working in a professional/volunteer setting that has equipped me with unique skills. Can this count toward my degree?**

A: Alverno College's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) program recognizes that learning also takes place outside of the classroom. Your experience can help you earn credits toward your degree. Once enrolled in Accelerate, you can seek CPL and may be eligible for up to 24 CPL credits. [Learn more here.](#)

**Q: What will my degree be in?**

A: Graduates of the Alverno Accelerate program earn a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership.

**Q: How much does this program cost?**

A: Tuition is priced per credit. View our most up-to-date [tuition rates here.](#)

Alverno Accelerate students may apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Once your FAFSA is processed and you are accepted into our Accelerate program, you can meet with a financial aid counselor to discuss your individual package in more detail.

**Q: Can I still use on-campus Alverno resources?**

A: Absolutely! Alverno Accelerate students are members of the Alverno community. This means you can take advantage of our library, career studio, and fitness center, among other resources.

Please note: Alverno has a mandated COVID-19 vaccination policy. Faculty, staff and students who come to campus in person in any capacity need to be fully vaccinated. This includes all individuals who will have face-to-face interaction with students, faculty and/or staff (on or off campus).

**Q: When can I start?**

A: SOON! There are six start dates each year. [Start your application for the next semester here.](#)

**GET IN TOUCH!**

Do you have additional questions about Alverno Accelerate? Please contact our Admissions team to learn more.

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