

**Southern Arkansas University - Magnolia**  
**Guaranteed 8-Semester Bachelor's Degree Program**

Pursuant to Act 1014 of 2005, qualified first-time freshmen may elect to participate in a guaranteed 8-semester degree completion program for most bachelor's degree programs. The list of degree majors that are included in the 8-semester bachelor's degree program is published on the institutional website, in the undergraduate catalog, and in departmental publications. A student must accept or waive participation in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program.

When choosing to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program, a student accepts responsibility for monitoring his/her progress toward a degree and for making choices that will lead to graduation in four years.

Please check one of the following options:

- ACCEPTANCE:** As a first-time freshman, I have declared a major in \_\_\_\_\_ at Southern Arkansas University - Magnolia and wish to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program.

I acknowledge that: 1) I must follow exactly the 8-semester bachelor's degree plan for my major; 2) I must make satisfactory academic progress and maintain a grade point average of 2.00 or greater; 3) I must complete at least 30-36 semester credit hours of appropriate course work each academic year as outlined in my degree plan; 4) I must have my class schedule approved by my official departmental advisor and register for classes each semester during my designated registration period; 5) I must accept any available course section that can be accommodated in my class schedule; and 6) **If I change my major, the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree plan is void.** Other actions that may void the guarantee include the dropping or failure of a course, withdrawal from the university, non-payment of fees, and disciplinary actions.

- WAIVER:** As a first-time freshman, I do not wish to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program, due to the following:
- I have not declared a major and I am not eligible to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program.
  - I understand that my declared major is not included in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program.
  - I am not eligible to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program because my admission status is conditional.
  - I am not eligible to participate in the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program because I must enroll in one or more developmental courses (pre-college level) or pre-requisite courses required for my selected major.
  - I am not eligible to participate in guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program because I am not a full-time student.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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I understand that I have waived my rights under Act 1014 of 2005 and the guaranteed 8-semester bachelor's degree program if I fail to return this form with my signature to my official departmental advisor prior to the first day of classes for the first semester that I attend the university.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student ID Number

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Student Signature

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Date

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Advisor Signature

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