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Combined Bachelor's/ Master's Program



OVERVIEW

The College of Arts and Science (CAS) and the Graduate School of Arts and Science (GSAS) offer students in many departments the opportunity to earn both the bachelor's degree and the master's degree in a shorter period of time and at less cost than is normally the case. This special program even allows for the possibility that the department of the master's degree is different from that of the bachelor's degree. Qualifying students are typically accepted into a program toward the end of the sophomore year or the beginning of the junior year. In their remaining undergraduate semesters, they can then accelerate by taking some graduate courses during regular terms and/or during the summer. In the graduate portion of the program, they can qualify for a scholarship covering up to 50 percent of the tuition for the master's degree. The program is intended for students for whom a master's degree is sufficient preparation for the pursuit of their career goals.

The master's option is currently available in the following areas:

- Africana Studies
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Comparative Literature
- Science
- Draper Interdisciplinary Program in Humanities & Social Thought
- Economics
- European Studies
- French
- French Studies
- History
- Mathematics
- Performance Studies (TSOA)
- Psychology

Students are welcome to discuss possible bachelor's/master's programs with any departments or graduate programs offering master's degrees.

CURRICULUM

Students in the program must satisfy all of the requirements of both the bachelor's degree and the master's degree; there is no double-counting of courses. The main difference between the bachelor's/master's program and the typical process of taking two degrees without overlap over six years is that students are allowed to take master's courses before they complete the bachelor's degree and thus complete both degrees in five years.

In order to complete the program in five years, students are advised to finish at least a fourth of the master's requirements before the beginning of the fifth year. In the case of a typical master's requirement of eight 4-credit courses, this means taking at least two 4-credit courses as overloads or during the summers following the junior and senior years, leaving three courses per term for the fifth year. If more credits or courses or a significant thesis or project are required for the master's, students can accelerate more rapidly by taking additional graduate courses before they complete the bachelor's degree.

ADMISSIONS

Students may apply to a program once they have completed a minimum of 48 credits toward the bachelor's degree but not more than 96 credits or six semesters, whichever comes first. Participating departments set minimum grade point average requirements for admission to and continuation in the program; neither may be below 3.5. The undergraduate courses required for the master's program are determined by the graduate department.

GSAS requires the submission of a formal graduate school application for admission to the bachelor's/master's program, but the usual GRE requirement will be waived. Students will be officially admitted to the Graduate School when they have completed their undergraduate requirements

SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

The dual-degree program features a tuition scholarship ensuring that students pay for no more than 50 percent of the credits required for the master's portion of the program. The scholarship is provided on completion of the bachelor's degree. It is calculated on the basis of (a) the remaining credits needed for the master's degree and (b) the additional payments the student made in order to accelerate study while matriculated for the bachelor's degree (tuition for more than 18 points during a regular semester or for any summer courses). The tuition scholarship will remain available for twelve months after the completion of the undergraduate degree.

Once students matriculate in GSAS, they become eligible for services available only to graduate students, including special student loans.

ADVISEMENT

General information about the program is available in the College Advising Center, Room 905, Main Building. There students should early on discuss with an adviser how the program might fit their longer-range plans.

Students are encouraged to discuss their plans with their undergraduate major adviser as well, whether or not they are planning to continue in the same field. Even while still undergraduates, they should take full advantage of their access to the advisers in the master's program.