

# Combined Bachelor's/Master's Program

The Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree program (BS/Master's) in University College is designed for students who wish to pursue rigorous and accelerated study that will lead to both a Bachelor of Science and either a Master of Arts or Master of Science in areas of study for which there are degree programs in University College.

## Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility requirements for the Combined BS/Master's program in University College include the following:

- Admission to a Bachelor of Science degree program in University College.
- Completion of a minimum of 60 units toward the Bachelor of Science degree, including transfer credit, with a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade-point average. Only in exceptional cases will candidates be authorized to pursue the BS/Master's Program after completing 84 units.
- Completion of a minimum of 12 units of undergraduate course work in University College, at least 9 of which must be at the advanced level (300- and 400-level courses), with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Completion of a Combined Bachelor's/Master's Program Preliminary Authorization Request.
- Two academic writing samples, at least one of which must be research-based, to be submitted to University College.
- Personal interview with the director of advising and/or the associate dean for academics.

## Admission

Students who meet the eligibility requirements noted above should meet with their undergraduate adviser and complete the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Preliminary Authorization Request (PDF) (<https://ucollege.wustl.edu/files/ucollege/documents/forms/admissions/preliminary-authorization-bsma.pdf>) found on our website. Two academic writing samples (one of which must be research-based) and a personal interview are also required for preliminary authorization. After a review of the writing samples and the personal interview, applicants will be informed whether or not they have been authorized to pursue the Combined BS/Master's program, which includes the authorization to register for graduate course work that will count toward both the undergraduate degree and the appropriate master's degree.

Students receiving this preliminary authorization are required to submit the Application for Graduate Admission (<http://ucollege.wustl.edu/apply/>) in University College during their final 30 to 36 units of undergraduate study, at which time their academic performance and potential for continued graduate study will be re-evaluated. If approved, students will be formally admitted to a graduate program of study. Candidates for the Master of Arts and the Master of Liberal Arts are admitted to the Graduate School. Candidates for the Master of Science in Clinical Research Management are admitted to University College.

## Requirements for the Combined BS/Master's Degree

- Formal admission to the Graduate School or University College.
- Completion of a minimum of 135 units of course work (undergraduate and graduate), including all residency requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree.
- Completion of all requirements of the student's graduate program (including a final written project, where required) and in accordance with all academic policies and procedures for undergraduate and graduate study in University College and the Graduate School.
- A maximum of 15 to 18 units of graduate course work (depending on the specific master's program) at the 400 and 500 levels may count as requirements for the graduate degree and as unrestricted electives for the undergraduate degree.
- Students will receive both the Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts or Master of Science at the completion of the entire program. The Bachelor of Science is conferred by University College. The Master of Arts, Master of Liberal Arts, and Master of Science in Biology are conferred by the Graduate School. The Master of Science in Clinical Research Management is conferred by University College.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to discuss the program, please call 314-935-6759.