

COMBINED UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM FAQ (AY20-21)

The Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree program allows well-prepared Columbia students to earn graduate credits toward an MA in Entrepreneurship for Creatives, Civic Media, Strategic Communications, or Interaction Design while still enrolled in any undergraduate major.

Why would I pursue a Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree program?

Graduating from Columbia with both a BA and MA may give you a competitive employment edge, demonstrating to employers your maturity and career preparation. Having degrees in complementary areas may also showcase a unique combination of skills employers rarely see.

Are there any other advantages to the Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree program?

Yes, there are two major advantages:

- You'll save money.
- You'll have early access to certain graduate-level classes during your senior undergraduate year.

How will this program save me money?

You'll pay the less expensive undergraduate tuition rate for those graduate classes you take while still a senior undergraduate. You may also save money through the [Columbia Rise award](#), a renewable award equal to four credit hours of tuition each semester you'll be enrolled as a full-time graduate student.

Am I guaranteed acceptance into the Combined Degree Program?

Only those students who maintain eligibility and receive approval from their designated MA program's review committee are accepted.

Who's eligible to apply for the Combined Undergraduate/Graduate Degree program?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Earn at least 90 credits before your senior year.
- Earn at least 12 credits while in residence at Columbia College.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in all classes taken at Columbia College.
- Enter your senior undergraduate year with free elective credit hours.

What makes me eligible to apply as a student already enrolled at Columbia?

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How do I apply as a student already enrolled at Columbia?

- Email gradstudy@colum.edu to schedule an appointment with an admissions director
- If you are eligible, graduate admissions staff will send you the application form for you to submit the required materials.
- Be accepted during your junior year by the faculty review committee associated with your chosen graduate program.

When do I apply as a student already enrolled at Columbia?

You must apply in the fall semester of your junior undergraduate year.

What happens in my senior undergraduate year after I'm admitted to the Combined Degree Program?

You'll take graduate-level classes that will double-count as bachelor's degree electives and MA degree requirements.

What happens after I complete my bachelor's degree if I'm enrolled in a Combined Degree Program?

You'll spend your final year as a graduate student completing the remaining requirements of the MA degree you are pursuing.

How many credits must I earn after I earn my BA in the Combined Degree Program?

Between 18-24, depending on the program.