Dual Degree Program/FAQ

How does the program work?
The College of Arts and Sciences’ dual undergraduate/graduate degree programs provide highly talented and qualified students with the opportunity to complete both a bachelor’s and then a master’s degree in as short a period as five years. If determined to be qualified by typical admission measures of the College of Arts and Sciences, dual degree students can begin taking coursework toward the designated master’s degree program while still completing their final year of bachelor’s work and count the coursework toward both the undergraduate and graduate degree.

What are the requirements for admission?
Students applying to this program must have earned 45 hours and established at least a 3.5 GSU GPA with ideally no more than 90 hours of credit. I have copied a link with additional information concerning this program here. [http://cas.gsu.edu/undergraduate/dual-degrees/](http://cas.gsu.edu/undergraduate/dual-degrees/)

How do I apply for admission?
Students are required to meet with the college’s dual degree advisor, Rene Mondy [reneprestimondy@gsu.edu](mailto:reneprestimondy@gsu.edu), in the Office of Academic Assistance (25 Park Place, Suite 300) as part of the admission process. After meeting the admission criteria, please feel free to contact our office at 404.413.5000 to schedule an appointment concerning the application process. The college will make a dual degree program admission decision within two to four weeks of the application deadline and department review of the applicant’s materials.

When is the deadline to apply?
The deadlines for submitting applications are as follows:
Spring Application Deadline: October 15th
Fall Application Deadline: March 15th

Will I still need to make application to the graduate degree program?
Yes, acceptance into the dual degree program does not constitute admission to the graduate degree program. Admission to the graduate program occurs in the senior year and is contingent upon 1) successful completion of the bachelor’s degree, 2) maintaining the required program grade-point average, 3) performance in the graduate-level courses taken during the bachelor’s degree, and 4) meeting the other admission requirements of the specific program.

How much will the graduate level courses cost?
Undergraduate students in dual undergraduate/graduate programs pay tuition at the undergraduate rate regardless of the course level. Undergraduate financial aid (e.g., HOPE, Pell, SEOG) can be used toward specified graduate-level courses under these circumstances.

How are the graduate level courses applied to my undergraduate program?
This credit will automatically count as elective credit and towards satisfying GSU’s residency requirement (39 hours of GSU course work must be completed at the 3000/4000 level) Graduate level courses may also replace undergrad requirements in Area G with departmental approval.

How many graduate level courses may be taken as an undergraduate student?
Dual degree students typically take four graduate level courses as an undergrad student.

**How do I know which graduate courses to take?**
Dual degree students will be advised by their faculty dual degree coordinator on which graduate courses will be taken.

**What happens if I no longer wish to complete the dual degree?**
Any graduate course taken as an undergraduate student will still be counted towards the undergraduate degree.

**Will undergraduate coursework be used to satisfy graduate level requirements?**
No. Only graduate level coursework may be used to satisfy both undergraduate and graduate level requirements as a dual degree student.