



BUCOP INFO SHEET

The Boston University Collaborative Degree Program (BUCOP) is a double degree program that differs from a double major. It is a much more involved program that requires students to satisfy all major department **and** all college requirements for both colleges of enrollment.

BUCOP students must complete a minimum of 144 credits, and at least 36 courses to obtain both degrees. This is equivalent to nine semesters of coursework, and additional courses may be needed to complete all requirements. By utilizing Advanced Placement credits or enrolling in pre-approved summer courses, BUCOP students are usually able to graduate on time with their class.

BUCOP students most often choose one degree program from the College of Communication (COM) and combine this with more specialized training in one of the other schools or colleges within the university. For COM students, the BUCOP program works best with the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), because many of their requirements overlap. While it is possible to enroll in two of the professional schools (ex. COM/SMG), such a program often requires extensive additional coursework. As such, it may be more realistic to consider the completion of a single undergraduate degree, followed by graduate study in another field.

Applications to the BUCOP program are invited no earlier than the first semester of sophomore year and no later than the **beginning** of the first semester of junior year. Transfer students must complete at least one full-time semester before applying.

A **minimum** cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for consideration. In addition, completion of appropriate prerequisite coursework is required. It is expected that you will have taken a course or two in each field of study in which you will seek a degree.

Students must have also completed COM CO 201 and received a grade of 'B' or better before an application can be made. COM CO 201 may only be taken once. A one to two page typed proposal for entering the program is also required. Admission to the BUCOP program depends upon the agreement of both schools involved. In order to obtain the two degrees, the student must complete at least three semesters residency as an enrolled BUCOP candidate.

Honors, distinction and disciplinary rules are administered independently by both of the colleges involved. The same is true of graduation rules, deadlines and certification. Two separate diplomas will be awarded **only** at the time that requirements for both degrees have been completed.

BUCOP is a serious endeavor and requires much thought and preparation. Students considering BUCOP should read through the appropriate sections of the Boston University bulletin pertaining to both areas of study, and become familiar with the college requirements for both the primary (home) and proposed secondary school.

These requirements are non-negotiable.