Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

BA/MS Dual Degree Application Guide

Application Deadlines:

- Spring 2023 Admissions: November 30
- Fall 2023 Admissions: April 20

BA/MA and BA/MS Program Guidelines:

- Visit the [College of Arts & Sciences (CAS) Bulletin](#) and the [Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GRS) Bulletin](#) for full guidelines.
- E&E's BA/MS Program Advisor is [James Baldwin](#) who may be contacted for questions and advice about degree requirements and the plan of study. At least eight (8) courses at the 500-level or above are required for the Master's degree, and these courses must be passed with a grade of B- or better. Two (2) courses of those can count toward the BA, as well.

Registration and Financial Aid:

- Since federal regulations stipulate that persons receiving undergraduate financial aid must be registered in undergraduate programs, all BA/MS students will remain registered in CAS for eight (8) semesters. Students will, however, be able to enroll in graduate-level courses as required by the program. In this way, students will remain eligible for undergraduate forms of financial aid for at least eight (8) semesters. BA/MS students continuing work toward one or both degrees will only be registered with the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences upon completion of 32 courses (128 credit hours) in CAS.
- If you will be continuing your dual-degree program for more than eight (8) semesters, please meet with the undergraduate financial aid office to discuss your options for financial aid in your ninth semester. You may be eligible to appeal for undergraduate financial aid. However, if you are not, you may qualify for federal aid as a graduate student. Please contact our office at grsaid@bu.edu if you have any questions about this.

To Be Eligible to Apply Students Must:

- ☐ Must be a current CAS or Pardee Undergraduate Student.
  *The dual degree programs are not open to students outside of CAS and the Pardee School or to Boston University Dual Degree Program (DDP) students.

- ☐ Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application

- ☐ Apply in the spring of the *sophomore* (fourth semester of enrollment) year for admission into the program at the start of the junior (fifth semester of enrollment) year.
  *The latest you may apply in the spring semester of your **junior** year (sixth semester of enrollment), with a one-time exception for current students who are in your senior year (7th semester of enrollment) in the Computer Science Department.

Application documents:

1. A personal statement*
2. Plan of Study that includes major GPA verification signed by Program Advisor James Baldwin*
3. Unofficial transcripts that show current GPA*
4. Two letters of recommendation written by professors
5. [Online application form and questionnaire](#)

*These should be uploaded to the application system.

Steps to Apply:

1. **Prepare your supporting application documents**
   Prepare your Plan of Study, unofficial transcripts, and personal statement outlining your experience, interests, and goals.

2. **Request letters of recommendation**
   Identify two professors and ask two faculty members in the field of proposed study to submit recommendations for you using the [Recommendation for Admission form](#). Once you have their agreement, you will enter their name and contact information into the online application system. The system will automatically email instructions for the recommendation to the professor.

3. **Make an appointment with your Undergraduate Advisor**
   The purpose of the meeting is to make sure the requirements of your bachelor's degree will be met and to make sure the graduate-level classes you've provisionally selected will fulfill the requirements of the master's degree. You will need to bring your Plan of Study to the meeting.

4. **Email Graduate School Admissions to request your invitation code to apply for the program**
   Email your **signed** Plan of Study to the GRS Assistant Director of Master's Admissions (grs@bu.edu), who will provide you with the application code to submit your application through the online application system.
   * Please note: The BA/MA, BA/MS application is not an available option without the code. he BA/MA and BA/MS is only available to current BU CAS students who intend to pursue a dual degree in CAS/GRS. Please do not apply to or submit your application for another program.

5. **Submit your [application](#)**
   The application will only be available for candidates who have gone through the previous steps to receive an invitation code and a fee waiver code. Be sure to fill out all the questions carefully and check for mistakes before submitting. Once you submit your application, changes cannot be made. ****Do not submit without code provided by GRS Master's Admissions Team.***