

**BS + MS = { Maximize Your Investment }**



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With sufficient planning, you may earn an MS in a field other than your undergraduate major—a major advantage when it comes to seeking your first job after graduating!

Throughout your undergraduate career, we recommend discussing plans for pursuing the BS/MS program with your advisors and relevant department graduate coordinator. Since programs vary with schedules and expectations, you should meet with the graduate coordinator frequently including the beginning of your junior year to discuss plans and options.

You should work closely with your faculty/academic advisor to develop a suitable plan of study, which can leverage up to 12 graduate credits of double counting between your BS and MS degrees. This allows a typical 30-credit MS program to be completed with only 18 graduate credits (one year of full-time graduate study) beyond completion of your BS.

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## HOW TO APPLY

- Most BS/MS programs recommend students apply sometime during their junior year. Be sure to check in with your advisor to stay on track.
- The application process is streamlined; GRE scores are not required, application fees are waived, and students can simply upload their transcripts from Workday to the application portal.
- You will learn of your acceptance into the program by the online application system. Be sure to check your status!

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Most BS/MS plans recommend students apply in their junior year and continue for one more year of study after receiving their BS. However, programs vary in their schedules and expectations, so students should meet with the graduate coordinator in their program at the beginning of the junior year to discuss their plans and options.

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