

About

The accelerated B.A./M.A. is designed for academically superior undergraduate students at UMBC in any major. Accelerated B.A./M.A. students may take up to 9 credits of 600-level courses in their senior year that count for both the B.A. and M.A. degrees. This reduces the number of credits required for the M.A. degree. For example, students who complete the maximum of 9 graduate credits in their senior year need to complete only 21 additional credits for the M.A. degree. Full-time students can complete the remaining 21 credits in two semesters plus a summer course.

Graduate courses are offered at 4:30pm-7:00pm or 7:10pm-9:40pm one day per week Monday through Thursday.

Program Highlights

- Earn an MA in 12 to 18 months
- Lower the cost of graduate school
- No application fee
- SOCY and HAPP majors are able to replace certain undergraduate courses with their graduate equivalents (i.e. SOCY 658 in lieu of SOCY 458)

How to Apply

Students are eligible for admission into the B.A./M.A. program after they have earned 90 undergraduate credits. Plan to apply for admission by the second semester of your junior year.

Required Materials: Application for the B.A./M.A. program, unofficial transcript (minimum GPA of a 3.0), statement of goals, two letters of recommendation (the program will contact reviewers directly) and resume. All application materials should be submitted to Faith Dinh by the respective deadline.

Application Deadlines

Spring Admission: November 15 (October 15 for best consideration)

Fall Admission: June 1 (April 1 for best consideration)

Program Requirements

Master's Degree (30 credits)

Core Requirements

*SOCY 600: Research Methodology (3 credits)**

**Only offered in the Fall*

*SOCY 604: Statistical Analysis (3 credits)***

***Only offered in the Spring*

*Additional Methods or Statistics Course (3 credits)****

****SOCY 618: SAS for Social Scientists or SOCY 619: Qualitative Methods in Social Research*

Thesis Option

SOCY 799: Thesis Research (6 credits)

Approved Electives (15 credits)

Analytical Paper Option

SOCY 711: Analytical Paper Research (3 credits)

Approved Electives (18 credits)

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