Petition to Apply to the Combined BA/MA (4+1) Degree Program
College of Arts and Science
Vanderbilt University

This form should be used by Vanderbilt undergraduates seeking approval to apply to the Combined BA/MA (4+1) degree program. With the permission of the responsible undergraduate and graduate faculty, the student may be provisionally accepted into the combined degree program, pending completion of all undergraduate requirements. Application for acceptance into the combined degree program must be submitted to the participating department or program preferably in the junior year or before the end of the student’s seventh semester, that is, typically, in the fall semester of the senior year at the latest. Applicants must obtain the required approvals below.

NOTE: If this form is approved, you must then separately apply at the end of the senior year to the Graduate School in accordance with the regular graduate application procedure. A copy of this approved “Petition to Apply to the Combined BA/MA” must accompany your application material.

The following departments and programs are allowing students to apply to the Combined BA/MA (4+1) Degree Program: English, French, German, History, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Medicine, Health, & Society (MHS), Philosophy, Political Science, and Psychology. For more information, please consult: https://as.vanderbilt.edu/academics/specialdegree/4plus1.php.

1. Meet with your Faculty Advisor and obtain signature.
2. Meet with the Director of Graduate Studies or designee in the department or program to which you are applying.
   The department or program’s 4+1 Petition Committee will complete the boxed items below.
3. The department or program will return this form to C. André Christie-Mizell, Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, College of Arts and Science, 350 Buttrick Hall.

Name of Student: ___________________________________________ Date: _______________________
Email Address: _____________________________________________ SID #: _________________________
Current Major: _____________________________________________ Tel. #: _________________________
Current Faculty Advisor (please print): ________________________
Anticipated completion date for baccalaureate: ____________________________
Proposed Master’s Degree Program (select from participating programs above):

Student Signature: _________________________________________ Date: _________________________
Faculty Advisor Signature: _____________________________________ Date: _________________________

Combined BA/MA (4+1) Department or Program (to be completed by the DGS)
4+1 Petition Committee Decision: [ ] Approved [ ] Disapproved [ ] Defer (More Info Needed)
If approved, provisional acceptance into the 4+1 option is granted, pending completion of baccalaureate requirements and formal application to the Graduate School.

Graduate hours required: _______ Graduate hours completed to date: _______
Thesis / Non-thesis option (circle one) Anticipated Completion Date for MA: _______
Comments: ____________________________________________
Signed (for the Committee): ________________________________ Date: _______________________

Once the Department or Program 4+1 Petition Committee decision has been made, return the form to C. André Christie-Mizell, Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, 350 Buttrick Hall. Tel. 343-3141. Email: andre.christie-mizell@vanderbilt.edu

Associate Dean: __________________________________________ Date: _______________________

Once signed by the Associate Dean, copies will be sent to the department/program and the student, for their records.