

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

This form should be used by Vanderbilt undergraduates to seek 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.

THIS IS **NOT** AN ADMISSIONS APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY AT VANDERBILT. PLEASE APPLY ONLINE AT:

<https://graduateapplications.vanderbilt.edu/>

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:

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/4plus1>.

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 program or department's *4+1 Petition Committee* will complete the boxed items below.
3. The department or program will return this form to Dr. Martin Rapisarda, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Science, 311 Kirkland 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 Departmental or Program 4+1 Petition Decision has been made, return the form to Associate Dean Martin Rapisarda, 311 Kirkland Hall. Tel. 343-3140 Email: [Martin.rapisarda@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:Martin.rapisarda@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.**