

**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, History, History of Art and Architecture, Latin American Studies, Mathematics, Medicine, Health & Society (MHS), Philosophy and Psychology. For more information, please consult: <https://as.vanderbilt.edu/academics/fourplusone.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 program or department's 4+1 Petition Committee will complete the boxed items below.

3. The department or program will return this form to Carrie Archie Russell, Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education, College of Arts & 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 Departmental or Program 4+1 Petition Decision has been made, return the form to Carrie Archie Russell  
Dean of Undergraduate Education, 350 Buttrick Hall. Tel. 343-3141 Email: [carrie.russell@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:carrie.russell@vanderbilt.edu)

Dean of Undergraduate Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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