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://apply.vanderbilt.edu/apply/

The following departments and programs offer a combined BA/MA (4+1) Degree Program: English, French, History, History of Art and Architecture, 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

Below outlines the steps in the process:
1. Meet with your Faculty Advisor and have him or her sign this form.
2. Deliver this form to the Director of Graduate Studies or designee in the department or program to which you are applying.
3. The program or department’s 4+1 Petition Committee will complete the boxed items below.
4. 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: _______________

---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- To Be Completed by DGS ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Combined BA/MA (4+1) Department or Program

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)

Application Completion date for MA: ______________

Comments:

Signed (for the Committee): _______________________________________________ Date: ______________

Once the department or Program 4+1 petition decision has been made, return the form to:
The Office of Undergraduate Education, 350 Buttrick Hall, (615) 343-3142 or via email to Carrie Russell (carrie.russell@vanderbilt.edu) and Joy Porter (joy.porter@vanderbilt.edu).

Assistant Dean _____________________________________________________________ Date: ______________

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