University at Albany
Department of Communication

BA/MA Program

The combined BA/MA program in Communication provides an opportunity for students of recognized academic ability and educational maturity to fulfill integrated requirements of undergraduate and master’s degree programs from the beginning of the junior year. The program provides a focused curriculum in Communication that allows the upper-level student exposure to advanced knowledge in theory and substantive areas in the discipline and opportunities for participation in research.

The combined program requires a **minimum of 141 credits**, of which at least **33 must be graduate credits**. Up to 12 graduate credits may be applied simultaneously to both the BA and MA programs.

Students are considered undergraduates until completion of 120 graduation credits and satisfactory completion of all BA requirements. Upon meeting BA requirements, students are automatically considered graduate students.

Students who have completed a minimum of 6 credits of course work in Communication may apply for admission to the combined degree program in Communication at the beginning of their junior year or **after the successful completion of 56 credits, but no later than the accumulation of 100 credits**. A cumulative grade point average of **3.20 or higher** and **three supportive letters of recommendation** from faculty are required for consideration.

For further information about the Department of Communication’s BA/MA program, please contact Professor Nicolas Bencherki, at nbencherki@albany.edu.

Further information about the Department of Communication’s MA program, including available areas of concentration, can be found at [http://www.albany.edu/communication/ma-program.php](http://www.albany.edu/communication/ma-program.php)

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