BA/MA Program in Communication
at the University at Albany

An opportunity for excellent students to start working on their MA while finishing their BA. Reward your talent and hard work by saving time and money.

The combined BA/MA program in Communication provides an opportunity for students of recognized academic ability and educational maturity to fulfill concurrently the requirements of the 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 (as upper-level courses) 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.

In order for their application to be taken into consideration, students must:
- Have completed a minimum of 6 credits of course work in Communication;
- Be at the beginning of their junior year, or have completed at least 56 credits but no more than 100 credits;
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.20;
- Be able to secure three letters of recommendation from faculty.

Typical trajectory of a BA/MA student

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<td>Applies to BA/MA and finishes 75 undergraduate credits</td>
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<td>2 graduate course and graduate internship (12 credits) – MA completed</td>
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The application process is the same as for the MA program, except that students must make sure to indicate where appropriate on the application form that they are applying for the combined BA/MA program.

For further information about the BA/MA program and for application instructions, visit http://www.albany.edu/communication/ug_bama.php or contact Pr. Archana Krishnan, at akrishnan@albany.edu

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