

Application
BA-MA Accelerated Degree Program

Description: For qualified undergraduate students the Dept of Political Science offers a BA-MA program in which a student may earn a BA degree with a major in Political Science and an MA degree (Master of Arts). This program enables a qualified undergraduate student to take up to 9 hours of approved graduate courses as a senior and to have these hours count toward BA degree electives and the MA degree.

Students typically are considered for conditional admission to the BA-MA program during or immediately following their third year of undergraduate study at UT.

Program Requirements: To be considered for conditional admission to the program students must:

- be a declared Political Science major
- have a minimum overall GPA of 3.25
- have completed at least 15 hours of credit in Political Science with a minimum GPA of 3.5
- have completed at least 90 hours of the 120 hours of coursework required for the BA degree with a major in Political Science
- provide three letters of recommendation and a transcript

Selection Considerations: Applicants are strongly encouraged but not required to have completed PS 301 Research Methods. Faculty also may consider other relevant factors such as an applicant's work experience & level of maturity in decisions about conditional admission of students to the BA-MA program.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

email: _____ telephone: _____

Date form completed: _____

Total hours completed to date: _____ Pol Sci hrs completed to date: _____

Overall GPA to date: _____

Check if you have completed or are currently enrolled in:

PS 301 Research
Methods

What you Need to Know about the BA-MA Accelerated Degree Program:

- Conditional admission of a student into the BA-MA program must be obtained before taking a graduate course that is to be used to satisfy the requirements of both the BA degree and the MA degree. Students will be informed about the outcome of their application for conditional admission prior to the beginning of their fourth or final year of undergraduate study.
- A student who is conditionally admitted to the BA-MA program may during the fourth year of undergraduate study complete up to 9 hours of graduate credit that counts toward the BA and MA, provided that these graduate credit hours were approved by the Department Head (or designee) and by the Graduate School prior to satisfying all requirements for the BA degree.
- Conditional admission into the BA-MA program does not guarantee acceptance into either the Graduate School or the MA program. Students who have been admitted conditionally to the BA-MA program must apply for admission to the Graduate School and the MA program during their fourth or final year of undergraduate study following the standard application procedure for graduate students. Students will be fully admitted to the BA-MA program only after they have been accepted by both the Graduate School and by the MA program. Once fully admitted to the MA program, BA-MA students are required to complete the standard curriculum for the MA degree.
- Please send completed application, transcript, and reference letters to the Department Graduate Director, Dr. Wonjae Hwang (whwang@utk.edu).