



BA/MA (4+1) Program 2022-23

The Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) Master of Arts Program at Columbia University invites undergraduate students of Columbia College, SEAS, Barnard and the Columbia School of General Studies to apply for early admission to the QMSS MA program for the opportunity to begin their MA coursework during their senior year.

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) may grant up to a half-residence unit (the equivalent of one half-semester) of transfer credit towards MA degree requirements for qualifying master-level coursework taken as undergraduates *outside* of BA/BS degree requirements. MA classes taken as part of this program may not be double-counted toward their undergraduate degree.

If offered admission through the BA/MA option, applicants are not required to formally accept the offer of admission to the MA. Rather, they should begin taking graduate-level coursework and work separately toward the satisfactory completion of their undergraduate degree. When the expected degree completion date approaches, the Office of Admissions will write to each student admitted through the BA/MA option to confirm that their undergraduate studies will be completed on schedule and that they still intend to enroll in the MA program. When confirmation is received, the student will be issued a formal letter offering admission to the MA program. At this point, the student must formally accept the offer by paying the tuition deposit. They will also be subject to the same credential verification processes as all other applicants admitted to GSAS.

ADMISSIONS

Students are encouraged to apply during their junior year. Students in this position should apply by the mid-February deadline.

Students who are applying as seniors must apply by the November 15th of their senior year. Decisions on admissions will be made no later than December 15th so accepted students can begin taking graduate-level classes during their senior-spring.

All BA/MA applicants must be careful to apply using the BA/MA online application link provided by GSAS. Applying through the regular link will exclude you from the dual degree program. <https://gsas.columbia.edu/degree-programs/admissions/bama-option>

Those enrolled in their *last* semester of undergraduate study are not eligible for the BA/MA option but are encouraged to apply as regular-admission applicants.

Applications will include all of the materials specified for the standard MA application, including personal statement, all post-secondary transcripts, GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and CV.

NOTE: Submission of GRE scores is OPTIONAL for BA/MA candidates. For further information about the application process and minimal qualifications for early admissions, please contact the QMSS Program Staff at [<qmss@columbia.edu>](mailto:qmss@columbia.edu).

PRE-REQUISITES

The GRE requirement is WAIVED for BA/MA Applicants!

Applicants may choose to upload scores to supplement their application but their materials will be considered complete without them. QMSS is an interdisciplinary program and encourages applications from students in any major or focus who have completed appropriate coursework and have excellent academic records. Applicants do not need to have strict quantitative and/or social science background but must demonstrate the ability to handle graduate-level coursework in these disciplines.

Applicants must be current Columbia (Columbia College, SEAS, and General Studies) or Barnard undergraduates with a minimum overall GPA of 3.00. The requirements for Columbia and Barnard undergraduates seeking early admission are otherwise the same as the regular admissions requirements.