Combined Degree (Graduate School terminology) Means getting both undergrad and MA in 5 years (fifth year is grad)

* 3-4 classes – professional electives
* Maximum number of classes, as per Grad School - 4
* Chairs approve on form
* Some tracks do not have 12 hours for professional electives
* Can use Bright Futures to cover undergrad fees, students are responsible for grad hour portion
* Advantage to students:
  + take once, count twice
  + do it in 1 year
  + 12-16 hours of credit toward graduate
  + Can list on resume
* Advantage to chairs:
  + Reduces enrollment in overcrowded undergrad classes
  + Better job outcomes (MW found in research)
* Approach late sophomore/early junior year at 60-75 hour point to be able to achieve in 5 years
* Apply to MA and take GRE when course work is completed (other programs have no requirement to take it earlier; but certainly could be encouraged)
* Discussed having students fill out form indicating why applying to take grad classes
* Promotion:
  + Website – talk to Randy to promote all combined degrees
  + Engagement day in fall
  + Listserve

Approved professional electives by department:

Advertising management: ADV, JM, TC

PR management: PR, JM, TC

Advertising Creative Strategy and Research: ADV, JM, TC

Innovation and Entrepreneurship: ADV, PR, JM, TC

MC and Society: ADV, PR, JM, TC

Digital Storytelling: (In Pro MA) PR, JM, TC

Communication in Healthcare: ADV, PR, JM, TC

Communication Leadership: ADV, PR, JM, TC

~~Environmental Journalism~~

~~Sports, Media and Society~~

Theory: JM, TC

Applied Theory: (In Pro MA), JM, TC

Research: JM, TC

International Communication: ADV, PR, JM, TC (except Media and Society track, need

World Communication Systems instead)

Data Visualization: (In Pro MA) ADV, PR, JM, TC

Ehealth: ADV, PR, JM, TC

Content Marketing: ADV, PR, JM, TC

Video for the Web: ADV, PR, JM, TC

Race, Sports and Culture: ADV, PR, JM, TC