

## CJC On-Campus Combined Degree Program Information AND APPLICATION PACKET

### **What is a combined degree?**

The combined degree program allows undergraduate students to get a head start on their graduate education by taking up to four graduate-level classes as a junior or senior. Approved hours satisfy degree requirements for both degrees.

### **What are the advantages of combined degrees?**

- If you qualify, you can earn an undergraduate and graduate degree in much less time than two separate degrees
- The cost of both degrees is reduced, since at least 12 credits apply toward both degrees
- Your marketability is greatly enhanced many professions now require a master's degree for entry-level positions
- It's a great way to take advantage of your time at UF as a Gator!

### **What financial considerations are there?**

Graduate-level tuition is higher than undergraduate tuition. Bright Futures and/or the Florida Prepaid Tuition Program will pay the undergraduate tuition rate for the graduate courses students take; each student will have to pay the difference between undergraduate and graduate course costs. Financial aid may be available to assist with the graduate portion of the program. You can visit the UF Office for Student Financial Affairs to learn more about this.

### **What combined degrees are offered?**

We offer combined degrees in all four of our majors (Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations, Telecommunications) and another option leading to a degree in the Professional (Pro) Master's program.

### **When should I apply to the combined degree?**

You can apply as early as your second semester of your sophomore year. You can apply as a senior as long as you still have available elective hours.

### **When should I apply to the Master's program?**

Students can be admitted to the combined degree program to begin taking graduate classes in their junior year and be admitted to the graduate program in the spring of their senior year to begin the Master's program the following fall semester. It is recommended that students apply for this program after completing 60 — 75 credits. Students admitted to the undergraduate portion of the combined degree program still must complete all normal application requirements to be admitted to the master's program. Admission to the undergraduate portion of the combined degree program does not guarantee admission to the master's program.

### **How do you qualify for a combined degree?**

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to apply to the combined degree program.
- Have a designation as a junior or senior.
- Have at least 6 hours of available elective credits.

- Plan to take the GRE and apply to the master's program after two graduate-level courses have been completed.
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

### **What steps should I take if I want to apply to the combined degree program?**

- Fill out the Combined Degree Interest form (FORM 1).
- Meet with your undergraduate adviser in PATH to make sure you are eligible for our program. Have the Combined Degree Interest form and the statement of goals with you.
- When your eligibility has been determined, fill out the Combined Degree Program Plan (FORM 2). The PATH adviser will sign the form and you will keep it for your records.
- Complete the UF Combined Bachelor's and Master's Degree Request form (FORM 3).
- Meet with the Chair of your undergrad program to review your Statement of Goals and sign FORM 3.
- Meet with the Pro Master's graduate coordinator.
- Go to Weimer 2014 (Jody) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and obtain the signature of Sr. Associate Dean, Dr. Treise on FORM 3.
- Go to the PATH office to obtain the signature of Associate Dean Michael Weigold on FORM 3. Return FORM 3 to the GRADUATE DIVISION for submission to Toby Shorey.

### **Where can you learn more about the combined degree program?**

Make an appointment with the Graduate Dean, Dr. Debbie Treise [dtreise@jou.ufl.edu](mailto:dtreise@jou.ufl.edu)

### **How do I register for graduate courses for the combined degree program?**

Once you're accepted, before the semester starts, meet with your department chair or Dr. Treise if you're interested in the Pro Master's.

### **What is a statement of goals?**

300 words describing your reasons for wanting to pursue a combined degree.

### **Here are some guiding questions:**

- Why did you decide to pursue this degree?
- What do you feel you will accomplish during and after you have completed the combined degree?
- What interests you about the given field of study?
- To which master's program and interest area do you intend to apply?
- What are your career goals and how will this combined degree help you achieve them?

### **How many graduate courses should I take per semester?**

We recommend that students take one graduate elective course per semester/term during their undergraduate studies, starting with the first semester of the junior year.

**What is required so that 12 hours of graduate course work can also count toward my master's degree?**

To apply the graduate credits taken as an undergraduate, students must receive a grade of B or higher in each course. During first term in the Master's program, you will need to complete a Transfer of Credits form and submit to Jody Hedge in Weimer 2014. Forms are available in the Graduate Division.

**What graduate courses are available to take as the 12 credits that will be shared?**

**ADVERTISING**

Advertising Creative Strategy and Research  
Advertising Management  
Communication in Healthcare  
Communication Leadership (Pro MA)  
Content Marketing (Pro MA)  
Data Visualization (Pro MA)  
Digital Storytelling (Pro MA)  
eHealth  
Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
International Communication  
MC and Society  
Race, Sports and Culture  
Video for the Web

**JOURNALISM**

Advanced Law (in lieu of MMC 4200)  
Advertising Creative Strategy and Research  
Advertising Management  
Applied Theory (Pro MA)  
Communication in Healthcare  
Communication Leadership (Pro MA)  
Content Marketing (Pro MA)  
Data Visualization (Pro MA) Digital  
Storytelling (Pro MA)  
eHealth  
Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
International Communication  
MC and Society  
PR Management  
Race, Sports and Culture  
Research Theory  
Video for the Web

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Communication in Healthcare  
Communication Leadership (Pro MA)  
Content Marketing (Pro MA)  
Data Visualization (Pro MA)  
Digital Storytelling (Pro MA)  
eHealth  
Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
International Communication  
MC and Society  
PR Management  
Race, Sports and Culture  
Video for the Web

**TELECOMMUNICATION**

Advertising Creative Strategy and Research  
Advertising Management  
Applied Theory (Pro MA)  
Communication in Healthcare  
Communication Leadership (Pro MA)  
Content Marketing (Pro MA)  
Data Visualization (Pro MA) Digital  
Storytelling (Pro MA)  
eHealth  
Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
International Communication (students in  
Media and Society track will take World  
Communication Systems instead)  
MC and Society  
PR Management  
Race, Sports and Culture  
Research Theory  
Video for the Web

**PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S (Pro MA)**

If interested in pursuing the Professional Master's plan at the Master's level, students should contact Tom Kelleher at [tkell@jou.ufl.edu](mailto:tkell@jou.ufl.edu) regarding graduate courses to take in the combined degree program that will also count toward the undergraduate degree in any of the four areas—ADV, JOU, PUR, or RTV. <https://www.jou.ufl.edu/graduate/research-and-theory/promasters-combined-bsma-degrees/>.

## Additional Information:

- Take the GRE after you are halfway through the program.
  - Example: If you are taking four graduate level courses during your undergrad, then you must plan to take the GRE after your second course.
- Application Deadlines for Master's Program:
  - Fall term: April 1 for domestic students, January 30 for international students.
  - Spring term: (not all areas have spring admissions) September 15 for domestic students, July 15 for international students.
- Minimum requirements for admission into master's program:
  - Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
  - GPA of 3.0 or better for overall undergraduate studies
  - GPA of 3.0 or better for all upper-division undergraduate work
  - Submit a statement of goals
  - Submit a current resume
  - Earn suitable scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
    - Minimum GRE requirements: 156 verbal and 146 quantitative GRE score
  - Submit three letters of recommendation
- Nervous for the GRE? No worries! Here are some tips:
  - Buy a GRE prep book and PRACTICE!
  - Google some high frequency GRE words
  - Memorize the math formulas you need to know for the quantitative section
  - Don't stress – just prepare!
- Questions about the combined degree? Visit <https://www.jou.ufl.edu/current-students/masters/academics/combined-degrees/>
- Questions about the Master's degree? Email [sgee@jou.ufl.edu](mailto:sgee@jou.ufl.edu) or visit <https://www.jou.ufl.edu/current-students/masters>

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## Application Process for Combined Degree Program

FORMS 1,2, and 3 ARE INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

- Fill out the Combined Degree Interest form (**FORM 1**).
- Meet with your undergraduate adviser in PATH to make sure you are eligible for our program. Have this packet with you.
- When your eligibility has been determined, fill out the Combined Degree Program Plan (**FORM 2**). The PATH adviser will sign the form and you will keep it for your records.
- Complete the UF Combined Bachelor's and Master's Degree Request form (**FORM 3**).
- Meet with the Chair of your undergrad program to review your Statement of Goals and sign **FORM 3**. Meet with the graduate coordinator for Pro Master's.
- Go to Weimer 2014 (Jody) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and obtain the signature of Sr. Associate Dean, Dr. Treise on **FORM 3**.
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### STATEMENT OF GOALS Required—

- 300 words describing your purpose for pursuing the combined degree
- Questions to guide you:
  - Why did you decide to pursue a combined degree?
  - What do you feel you will accomplish both during and after you have completed the combined degree?
  - What interests you about the given field of study?
  - Which master's program do you intend on applying to?
  - What are your career goals and how will this combined degree help you achieve them?



If you are interested in applying to the combined degree program, please fill out this **FORM 1** and meet with your undergraduate adviser to ensure your eligibility. Complete the Combined Degree Program Plan (**FORM 2**) with your undergraduate adviser. When you have obtained the signature of your undergraduate adviser, meet with the chair of the undergraduate department you are in.

**Applicant Information**

UFID	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Major	College	Expected Graduation Date	

MAMC Program Information. Choose Professional or Research and Theory.

- Professional
- Research and Theory (Choose one from below.)
  - Advertising
  - International Comm
  - Journalism
  - Public Relations
  - Science Health Comm
  - Telecommunication
  - JD/MAMC joint degree

**I am committing to apply to the MAMC program and take the GRE after the first half of the combined degree program.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Undergraduate Adviser Only**

- Eligibility:
- Junior/senior standing
  - Minimum of 3.0 GPA
  - Minimum of 6 available professional elective credits
  - No excess charges

I hereby certify that the student is eligible according to the above requirements.

Undergraduate Adviser Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Division Only**

- Combined Degree Interest **FORM 1**
- Combined Degree Program Plan **FORM 2**
- UF Combined Bachelor's and Master's Degree Request **FORM 3**
- Statement of Goals
- Memo of Understanding

**Final Destination: Graduate Division**





Combined Degree Program Plan

Current Semester	Semester: _____	Semester: _____	Semester: _____
Course and Credit Hours	Course and Credit Hours	Course and Credit Hours	Course and Credit Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Semester: _____	Semester: _____	Semester: _____	Semester: _____
<u>Course and Credit Hours</u>	<u>Course and Credit Hours-</u>	<u>Course and Credit Hours</u>	<u>Course and Credit Hours</u>
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Take the GRE by: \_\_\_\_\_

Apply to the MAMC program by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of undergrad department Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Destination: Student**





Combined Bachelor's **FORM 3**  
 and Master's Degree Request

A 3.0 UF GPA (most programs require a higher GPA) is necessary to enroll in 12 hours (21 for certain programs) of graduate coursework during the junior and/or senior year. To apply the graduate credit to a master's degree, you must meet admission requirements of the Graduate School and all graduate coursework must be completed with grades of B or better. Contact the graduate coordinator for details.

**Student Information**

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UFID

Last Name

First Name

Middle

**Name**

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Email Address

Telephone Number

Local Mailing Address

**Undergraduate Degree**

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Degree

Expected bachelor degree date

Degree

Expected Master's degree date

Signature of Undergraduate Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Graduate Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

List the courses you wish to apply to both the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

A **maximum of 12 credits** can apply dually to both degrees.

Course Prefix & Number	Course Title	Credits	Undergraduate Requirement Substituting	Term Planned or Term Taken	Grade
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>					

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Undergraduate Advising Dean \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Destination: Graduate Division** for submission to [tshorey@ufl.edu](mailto:tshorey@ufl.edu) and [rdas@ufl.edu](mailto:rdas@ufl.edu)