Accelerated BA/MA program for SMPA majors

The School of Media and Public Affairs offers a dual degree program for its undergraduate students majoring in Journalism and Mass Communication or Political Communication who wish to pursue a Masters in Arts in Media and Public Affairs.

Once admitted to the dual degree program, students take three specific graduate classes during the senior year. The three graduate classes (nine credits) taken as an undergraduate will "double count" for the graduate degree. Students must take 27 additional graduate credits to complete the MA degree after receiving the BA.

Guidelines for Applying

Pre-requisites

- Journalism and Mass Communications or a Political Communications Major
- At least a 3.5 Cumulative GPA

When to Apply

Three semesters before expected graduation date (usually, the second semester of junior year). Students should consult with their advisor and with the director of the graduate program prior to applying. Applications materials must be received by the department by the following dates:

- **October 1** to be considered for admission for spring term.
- **April 1** to be considered for admission for fall term

Required Application Materials

- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of purpose describing your interest in and qualifications for the MA in Media and Public Affairs
- Transcript
- CCAS Combined Bachelor’s and Master’s Program Application For Admission
- No GRE Scores Required, No need to submit formal application to the Graduate School