## ACCELERATED PROGRAM
### COMBINED BA/MS DEGREE — 2 DEGREES IN 5 YEARS

**The Program:**
Complete a bachelor’s degree (BA) and a master’s degree (MS) in five years by taking up to 6 graduate credits in your senior (fourth) year. In your fifth year, you are admitted to the Graduate School and focus solely on graduate work to finish your master’s degree.

**Who Would Benefit:**
Students wishing to...
- Increase their preparation for medical or other professional schools
- Determine if a research career/PhD is desired
- Prepare for a science-based career in industry
- Prepare for a career in teaching

**Benefits Include:**
- Less time to earn two degrees by applying (double-counting) up to 6 credits toward both degrees
- Tuition cost savings by applying (double-counting) up to 6 credits toward both degrees
- Excellent professional credential
- Start employment at master’s level with only one additional year of study
- Greater potential for a higher salary
- No need to shop for a graduate school and relocate

**When/How to Apply:**
- **Junior year:** Contact graduate director or graduate secretary
  - A 3.2 minimum GPA is required
  - Refer to the current University Bulletin for application package requirements. Application is due second semester of junior year.
  - Agreement to sponsor by faculty research supervisor is needed to apply
- **Senior year (second semester):** Apply for admission to Graduate School
  - A minimum of 88 credits and 3.0 GPA is required for admission
  - Complete graduate, accelerated degree application in BU BRAIN (binghamton.edu/grad-school/admissions/apply/apply-accelerated.html)
  - GRE, TOEFL, letters of recommendation and $100 deposit are waived
  - Graduate School will notify you, via email, to pay the application fee
  - When fee is paid, Graduate School will email you acceptance letter
  - Follow instructions in acceptance letter to “confirm intent to continue”

**For Further Information:**
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- Graduate School (gradadmission@binghamton.edu, 607-777-2151)
- University Bulletin (bulletin.binghamton.edu)

## MASTER OF ARTS (MA) DEGREE
### GRADUATE DEGREE IN 1 YEAR

**The Program:**
Upon completion/anticipated completion of an undergraduate major or substantial course background in biology or chemistry, complete a Master of Arts degree in one year by fulfilling course requirements.

**Who Would Benefit:**
Students wishing to...
- Continue their education by pursing graduate studies
- Pursue a higher pay scale without a research experience/component
- Increase their preparation for medical or other professional schools
- Determine if a research career/PhD is desired
- Prepare for a science-based career in industry
- Prepare for a career in teaching

**Benefits Include:**
- Earn a master’s degree in one year
- Excellent professional credential
- Start employment at master’s level with only one additional year of study
- Greater potential for a higher salary
- No need to shop for a graduate school and relocate

**When/How to Apply:**
- **Deadlines are March 15 (fall) or Oct. 15 (spring)**
- Applications may be accepted up to semester start dates if space is available
- Apply to the Graduate School using their online application (binghamton.edu/grad-school/admissions/apply)
- GRE/TOEFL are waived
- A 3.0 GPA is typically required

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