Rutgers University-Newark offers highly qualified undergraduate students the opportunity to earn a graduate degree in less time and with less cost than doing the two separately. In our accelerated bachelor’s/master’s degree programs, students can take graduate courses in their senior year, while they are still enrolled as undergraduates.

If you are interested and think you qualify, contact either the department chair or graduate program director for full details. If you are interested in these programs, you need to plan your coursework early.

Current RU-N undergraduates interested in pursuing their graduate work at RU-N may qualify for the following programs that allow completion of both the RU-N bachelor's degree and master's degree within a five-year period.

**How this works:**
- Students apply for admission in the second semester of their junior year (or equivalent)
- If accepted and enrolled, they begin graduate work in their senior year.
- During the senior year, student will take credits of graduate courses while paying undergraduate tuition
- These courses fulfill requirements in both the undergraduate and graduate degree programs during the senior year
- For the remainder of the Master’s Program students will be enrolled in the graduate school and will pay graduate tuition.

**Requirements for application:**
- Applicants must be undergraduate students in the second semester of their junior year (or equivalent).
- Students must have a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA in all courses.

**How to apply:**
- Students apply to the program at [http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu](http://gradstudy.rutgers.edu).

Below is a list of six highlighted five year BA/MA programs for consideration, along with introductory information on each.

For a full listing of our academic programs, including departmental contact information, please visit:

[https://gsn.newark.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/gsn_program_directory_8.3.17sm.pdf](https://gsn.newark.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/gsn_program_directory_8.3.17sm.pdf)
Highlighted Five Year Degree Programs @ GS-N

**5-YEAR BA/MA Program in Economics**
MORE INFO: [http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/department-economics/five-year-bama-program](http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/department-economics/five-year-bama-program)

If you are a Rutgers-Newark undergraduate majoring in economics with good grades and an interest in pursuing graduate work in economics, you should consider the 5-year BA/MA Program in Economics. The program is designed so that a well-qualified student can earn a master's degree in economics with just one year of additional course work after the bachelor's degree.

The program is open to Rutgers-Newark undergraduate economics majors who have:
- At least a 3.5 GPA within Economics, and a 3.2 overall GPA
- Completed both intermediate micro and macro theory with grades of B+ or better
- Taken Calculus I (Basic Calculus is not allowed); (Calculus II is recommended.)

**5-YEAR BA/MA Program in Jazz History**
MORE INFO: [https://jazzma.newark.rutgers.edu/](https://jazzma.newark.rutgers.edu/)

Founded in 1997, this unique program prepares people to do research, publishing and teaching and features the renowned Institute of Jazz Studies (IJS), the largest public access jazz library in the world. The five year BA/MA option is now available for Rutgers Newark Undergraduates.

**5-YEAR BA/MA Program in History**
MORE INFO: [http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/bama-program](http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/bama-program)

In our accelerated bachelor’s/master’s degree program, students can take graduate courses in their senior year, while they are still enrolled as undergraduates.

Requirements for application:
- Applicants must be undergraduate students in the second semester of their junior year (or equivalent).
- Applicants must have taken at least 12 credits in history courses.
- Students must have a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA in all courses and a minimum 3.4 GPA in history courses.

**5-YEAR BA/MA Program in Peace and Conflict Studies**
MORE INFO: [https://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/ba-ma-program-peace-and-conflict-studies](https://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/ba-ma-program-peace-and-conflict-studies)

Highly qualified Rutgers-Newark undergraduate students with a GPA of 3.2 or higher may apply for admission into the MA Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. There are a limited number of BA/MA slots, and admission is highly competitive.

Have Questions?
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5-YEAR BA/MA Dual Degree Program in Political Science
MORE INFO: https://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/department-political-science/bachelor%E2%80%99s-master%E2%80%99s-dual-degree-program

The Bachelor’s-Master’s Dual Degree program offers highly qualified students an opportunity to accelerate their studies. Students apply for admission in the second semester of their junior year, and if enrolled, begin graduate work in their senior year.

Who is eligible to apply
- Current Rutgers-Newark undergraduates who have taken at least 30 credits of courses at Rutgers-Newark.
- Undergraduate students in the second semester of their junior year.
- All undergraduate majors. Applicants must have taken 12 credits in political science courses, at least 6 credits at the 300 level or above.
- Students must have minimum 3.2 Cumulative GPA and a 3.5 GPA in political science courses.

5-YEAR BA/MA Program in Psychology
MORE INFO: https://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/five-year-bama-program-psychology

A masters in psychology provides students with opportunity to develop expertise that will give a competitive edge towards entrance into top PhD programs across the nation, academic research labs, and for other professional careers requiring training in behavioral and social science.

To apply to the BA/MA program, you must meet the following pre-requisites:
- Rutgers-Newark junior psychology major.
- 3.6 Psychology GPA and 3.3 overall GPA.
- A minimum grade of A in both 830:301 (Statistical Methods) and 830:302 (Experimental Methods) or their equivalent transfers.
- Identify a faculty member in Psychology who is willing to serve as the Masters research mentor.

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