

# PROGRAMS TOWARD GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

*NOTE: The Integrated Graduate Studies (BA/MA or BA/MS), BS/MS, the Senior Year in Professional Studies in the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, and the Senior Year in Professional Studies at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences are unavailable to students who entered Case Western Reserve University Fall 2022 and beyond. For program information and requirements for these above programs, students should refer to the General Bulletin for the year they entered Case Western Reserve University.*

## Acceleration Toward Graduate Degrees Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degrees Program Details

The Combined Bachelor's/Master's degree programs allow acceleration toward graduate study and are intended for highly motivated candidates who wish to pursue an advanced degree. These programs permit undergraduate students to study for their master's degree while also studying for their bachelor's degree. Visit the School of Graduate Studies for degree programs.

Students admitted to a Combined Bachelor's/Master's degree program are able to count up to 9 credit hours of graduate-level coursework toward both degrees. In addition, any graduate-level courses taken while enrolled as an undergraduate that are in excess of undergraduate degree requirements, including the total number of credit hours required for the undergraduate degree, may be moved to the graduate transcript and apply to the graduate degree instead.

Upon admission to the program, Combined Bachelor's/Master's degree students will continue to register as an undergraduate student and are subject to the undergraduate policies, rules, and regulations as specified in the General Bulletin until completion of the undergraduate degree.

Advising about master's degree requirements will be the responsibility of the unit offering the master's program. The Undergraduate Advising Support Office will ensure students meet the requirements of the undergraduate degree program, and that appropriate graduate-level courses may be substituted for undergraduate courses, as determined by that program. It will also certify any credit hours beyond those required for the undergraduate degree that may be used for a graduate program.

Students will be charged tuition at the undergraduate level until the undergraduate degree is awarded. After being awarded the undergraduate degree, a student enrolls at the graduate level, pays the tuition associated with that program to complete any remaining requirements for the master's degree, and no longer has access to any remaining undergraduate scholarship.

### Admission Requirements:

- a. At least 60 credit hours completed towards the bachelor's degree; however, individual programs may have higher minimum credit hour admissions requirements. In most cases, a student will submit the application during their sixth semester of undergraduate course enrollment in the spring of their junior year.

- b. The student needs to have at least one semester of remaining undergraduate degree requirements to complete.
- c. Students must meet the ordinary admissions criteria for the master's program, though the requirements of the GRE, GMAT and/or MCAT are sometimes waived.
- d. Students apply for master's programs through the school offering the program.

For information, contact the Undergraduate Advising Support Office.

## Acceleration Toward Professional Degrees Senior Year in Professional Studies in: School of Dental Medicine or School of Law

Students who are candidates for the BA and who are admitted to professional studies at Case Western Reserve University by the end of the junior year may shorten their entire course of studies by one year through the Senior Year in Professional Studies privilege. Application should be made during the second semester of the junior year through the Undergraduate Advising Support Office. This privilege is extended to students who are candidates for the BA and who attend the School of Dental Medicine or the School of Law of Case Western Reserve University.

A student granted the Senior Year in Professional Studies privilege is permitted to substitute the work of the first year in a professional school for that required during the last year as an undergraduate. Upon the satisfactory completion of the first year's work in the professional school, the student will be granted the bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

To be eligible for the senior year in professional studies privilege, a student must:

- a. Be accepted for admission to professional studies at Case Western Reserve University
- b. Meet the following degree requirements:
  - i. Completion of the General Education Requirements based on the Bulletin year the student entered Case Western Reserve.
  - ii. Completion of at least three-fourths of the courses required for the major, including three-fourths of the courses required in the major department (It is strongly recommended that the student complete the major requirements prior to beginning the program).
  - iii. Completion of 84 credit hours of arts and sciences courses. These credit hours may be drawn from those offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as those in biochemistry, computer science, economics, neuroscience, or nutrition.
  - iv. Completion of at least 90 credit hours of academic work, of which the final 60 credit hours must have been in residence. A student may include in that final 60 credit hours no more than six credit hours earned in courses completed in other institutions either by cross-registration or by approved off-campus study.

Upon admission to the program, students register in the professional school to which they have been admitted and are subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the professional school. They may, however, continue to receive CWRU undergraduate scholarships and may continue

to reside in undergraduate housing during what would normally be their senior year of undergraduate work. They will be considered professional school students with respect to the awarding of need-based aid.

For information, contact the Undergraduate Advising Support Office.

### Senior Year *in Absentia* Privilege for Students of Medicine and Dentistry

Students of outstanding ability and attainment who are candidates for the BA degree and are offered admission to a medical or dental school other than those at Case Western Reserve University at the end of the junior year are eligible to shorten their entire course of studies by one year through the Senior Year *in absentia* privilege. Application for this privilege should be made during the second semester of the junior year through the Undergraduate Advising Support Office.

A student granted the Senior Year *in absentia* privilege is permitted to substitute the work of the first year in a professional school for that required during the last year in the undergraduate college. Upon the satisfactory completion of the first year's work in the professional school, the student will be granted the BA from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The privilege is extended to qualified students who attend medical schools in the United States or Canada approved by the Association of American Medical Colleges or dental schools in the United States approved by the American Association of Dental Schools.

To be eligible for the Senior Year *in absentia* privilege, a student must:

- a. Be accepted for admission to professional studies.
- b. Attain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.200 in all courses attempted from the date of admission as an undergraduate.
- c. Meet the following degree requirements:
  - i. Completion of the General Education Requirements based on the Bulletin year the student entered Case Western Reserve.
  - ii. Completion of at least three-fourths of the courses required for the major, including three-fourths of the courses required in the major department (It is strongly recommended that the student complete the major requirements prior to beginning the program).
  - iii. Completion of 84 credit hours of arts and sciences courses. These credits may be drawn from those offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as those in biochemistry, computer science, economics, neuroscience, or nutrition.
  - iv. Completion of at least 90 credit hours of academic credit, of which the final 60 credit hours must have been in residence. A student may include in that final 60 credit hours no more than six credit hours earned in courses completed in other institutions either by cross-registration or by approved off-campus study.

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### Integrated BA/BS and Master of Accountancy

Undergraduate students at Case Western Reserve University have the opportunity to pursue both the Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree and the Master of Accountancy (MAcc) degree through the BA/BS and Master of Accountancy Integrated Study Program. The integrated program is open to students pursuing any undergraduate major, though students majoring in or with a secondary major in accounting are able to complete both degrees in the shortest

amount of time, typically nine semesters. CWRU students must apply and be admitted to the MAcc program, though certain requirements are waived. Because the integrated program requires proper planning of coursework, undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to apply for the MAcc in their junior year. A select number of exceptionally well-qualified high school seniors who plan to study accounting are offered places in the Early Admission to the Integrated Study Program in Accounting.

Based upon the student's professional interests, they will choose between two tracks, the Professional Track and the Analytics Track, that are specifically tailored to develop the ability to prepare, interpret, and communicate accounting information as required by the profession. The integrated study program is strongly recommended for those students planning to obtain professional certification as a certified public accountant (CPA). Upon completion of the MAcc program, graduates will have satisfied the accounting educational requirements to sit for the CPA examination in the state of Ohio including the required 150 credit hours of study at the university level. Depending on a student's previous studies, they may or may not satisfy the general business educational requirements. If students wish to sit for the examination in a state other than Ohio, they are encouraged to review the educational requirements before beginning their studies in order to plan accordingly.

### Integrated BA/BS and Master's Programs in Business Analytics and Intelligence, Finance, or Supply Chain Management

The Integrated Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science and Master of Business Analytics and Intelligence, Master of Finance, or Master of Supply Chain Management program allows qualified CWRU undergraduates to work towards the completion of a specialty master's degree from the Weatherhead School of Management during their undergraduate studies, thereby enabling completion of both degrees in a shorter period of time. Students admitted to the program may count up to nine credit hours of graduate level courses taken while an undergraduate towards both the undergraduate degree (as appropriate to the student's undergraduate degree program) and the relevant master's degree. After completion of the BA or BS, the student enrolls as a graduate student in the Weatherhead School of Management to complete any additional coursework required for the master's degree.

Admission to Weatherhead's specialty programs is based on academic preparation and achievement (undergraduate coursework and GPA), GMAT/GRE or SAT scores, and genuine interest in business analytics, finance, or operations research/supply chain management (determined by application essays, letters of recommendation, and interview).

### Conditionally Guaranteed Admission to the University's Professional Schools Pre-Professional Scholars Programs in Medicine and Dentistry

The Pre-Professional Scholars Programs in Medicine and Dentistry grant to a few entering first-year undergraduates conditional commitments of admission to the corresponding professional school at Case Western Reserve University. These commitments are honored upon successful completion of the requirements established by each professional school. Prospective students who wish to apply to either of the Pre-Professional Scholars Programs should do so through the Office of Undergraduate Admission.