PLUS 1

Earn your bachelor’s + master’s degree in 5 years or less

The Robert H. Smith School of Business’ Plus 1 program is your path to saving time and money on a specialty master’s degree in a business-related subject area. As a Maryland undergraduate student, Plus 1 allows you to take graduate-level business courses at the undergraduate tuition rate while you’re pursuing your bachelor’s degree. Through the Plus 1 program, you’ll earn your degree faster and more affordably than a traditional graduate student.

Why Plus 1?

In-Demand Degree Programs
Gain specialized skills, valuable connections and access to career resources from a highly ranked business school.

Save Money on Tuition
Save thousands of dollars by paying undergraduate course tuition rates instead of graduate course rates while you’re still pursuing your bachelor’s degree.

PROGRAM OPTIONS
• Accounting
• Business Analytics
• Business and Management
• Finance
• Marketing Analytics
• Information Systems
• Quantitative Finance
• Supply Chain Management

Faster Degree Completion
Earn your specialty master’s degree in one year or less, depending on how many graduate-level credits you have taken during undergrad and the availability of courses.

Waived Test Scores and Fees
Complete your Plus 1 and specialty master’s program applications without submitting GMAT/GRE test scores or paying any application fees.

Priority Award Consideration
Get priority consideration for merit-based financial awards for your master’s program.

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BS Finance ‘18, Master of Finance ‘19
The Plus 1 Process

Complete the Plus 1 Application
Submit an application to the Plus 1 program.

Start Taking Graduate Courses
Once approved, take up to 10 graduate-level business credits as an undergraduate student.

Apply to your Graduate Program
Formally apply to your specialty master’s degree program during your senior year.

Complete your Graduate Program
Register to take your remaining courses during your final graduate year.

Admission into the Plus 1 program does not guarantee admission into the specialty master’s program at the end of your senior year.

Thinking About Applying?

MAINTAIN ABOVE A 3.0 GPA
You must be a current Maryland undergraduate student maintaining above a 3.0 GPA to be accepted into the program.

GAIN ENOUGH CREDITS
You must have completed at least 60 credits and have at least one semester of coursework at the University of Maryland before applying.

SEEK PERSONALIZED SUPPORT
Before applying, register for a one-on-one consultation with a Plus 1 advisor to learn more about how you can make Plus 1 work for your schedule.

CONSIDER YOUR QUANTITATIVE BACKGROUND
Taking quantitative courses, such as calculus or statistics, gives you skills that will help strengthen your application and help you succeed in many of our specialty master’s programs. Consult with the Plus 1 advisors for personalized recommendations on your quantitative background.

Take the Next Step
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