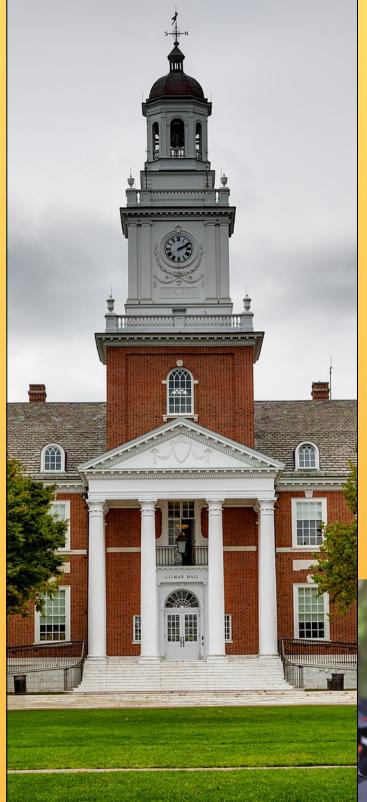
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 5-YEAR BA/MA PROGRAM? CONTACT US!

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5 - YEAR BA/MA

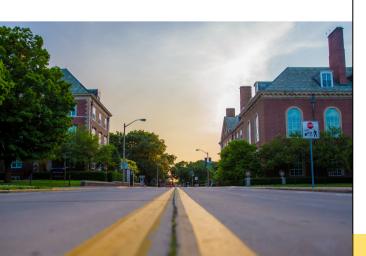
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WHAT IS THE 5-YEAR BA/MA?

The College of LAS and the European Union Center offer the option of a 5-year program for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (120 hours) and a Master of Arts degree in European Union Studies (36 hours). This opportunity offers current LAS undergraduate students interested in pursuing an MA in European Union Studies (MAEUS) an accelerated path, with the opportunity to complete both programs of study at the same time while still meeting the same requirements as students who pursue a traditional two-year course of study.

In consultation with a student's department undergraduate advisor and EUC graduate advisor, this accelerated path program can be paired with a BALAS degree in the College of LAS.



ELIGIBLE MAJORS

There are 32 BALAS majors in the College of LAS, and all are eligible for the 5-year BA/MA program. If you are interested, but your major is not a BALAS, please contact us at eucenter@illinois.edu.

Examples of BALAS majors: Anthropology, Communication, Economics, French, Geography, Germanic, Global Studies, History, Italian, Linguistics, Political Science, Portuguese, Sociology, and Slavic Studies.

WHY THE 5-YEAR BA/MA?

This program is intended for undergraduate students with enough credits to allow space for 12 credits graduate-level coursework in their final year of undergraduate study. The 5 Year BA/MA program allows students to continue and complete a full masters degree (36 credits, with a thesis or with a finishing exam) in one extra year beyond their bachelor's program, rather than two with a more traditional program.

Students interested in this pathway are encouraged to reach out early in their undergraduate career to EU Center Associate Director Markian Dobczansky (markian@illinois.edu) to explore how this might work.

HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply for this program when they have 60 hours of credit. For students, this usually means applying in their sophomore or junior year. As a first step, interested students should contact the EU Center Associate Director Markian Dobczansky (markian@illinois.edu).

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Students must take EURO 501 and 502
- Proficiency in a language of the European Union (not English), at the third-year level.
- 2+ substantial research papers on European Union topics during courses that are relevant to the student's professional orientation
- Coursework must come from at least three different academic units
- Minimum GPA for MAEUS related courses must be: 2.75

The MA in European Union Studies is a flexible degree that can be completed with or without a thesis. If a student decides to complete a thesis, the student must complete EURO 599: Thesis Research. The minimum of hours is 0 and the maximum of hours is 8. The number of hours for this course is counted towards the degree.