The Smith School's Plus 1 program allows students in approved programs (Smith, BSOS, ARHU and Public Health) to take up to 10 credits of graduate-level business courses at the undergraduate tuition rate while pursuing a bachelor's degree. Students from non-approved programs may participate in the Smith School's Plus 1 program by receiving individualized approval for up to 9 credits. This page serves as a guide for current Plus 1 undergraduate students to navigate the masters program.

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**Academic Calendar and Term System**

The masters program **Academic Calendar** is DIFFERENT from the University of Maryland Academic Calendar that is followed for undergraduate courses. Often times the semester will start earlier or have different breaks.

Masters courses usually operate on a Term system (Terms are 7 weeks long; there are 2 terms in each semester). Course dates are listed in **Testudo**.

**Course Request Process**

Course schedules for fall are usually in place by mid-March, and course schedules for spring are usually in place by mid-October.

All Plus 1 students should plan to meet with the appropriate masters advisor to discuss course planning each semester.

When choosing courses, factors to consider are undergraduate equivalents, course timing, interest, and track selection (Accounting & Finance).

**Non-Standard Course Dates**

Smith School masters courses are considered non-standard courses. These courses have different Schedule...
Adjustment periods and Drop with 'W' dates. Please refer to the Registrar's Non-Standard Course Dates page for non-standard course dates and deadlines.

**Graduate School Policies**

Students enrolled in graduate-level courses are bound by all standards and policies set by the UMD Graduate School; see [https://gradschool.umd.edu/policies](https://gradschool.umd.edu/policies).

Policies most relevant to Plus 1 students include:

- Students are required to have a minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA for Graduate School permission to register for graduate-level classes
- Students are required to have a B- or better in their graduate-level course in order for a class to be double counted toward the bachelor and masters degrees

**Classroom Name Tents**

All students taking masters-level courses are encouraged to use a name tent in their classrooms. Plus 1 students can order a name tent at [https://networth.rhsmith.umd.edu/smith/personalized-name-tent](https://networth.rhsmith.umd.edu/smith/personalized-name-tent).

**Curricula**

As a reference for the courses that masters students take, below are links to the current curricula. Every student should discuss a personalized academic plan with their masters Advisor.

- **Master of Finance**
- **Master of Quantitative Finance**
- **MS in Accounting**
- **MS in Management Studies**
- **MS in Business Analytics**
- **MS in Information Systems**
- **MS in Marketing Analytics**
- **MS in Supply Chain Management**

**Career Services**

Smith School [Career Service Policy for Plus 1 Students](https://networth.rhsmith.umd.edu/4plus1)

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