BS/MS PROGRAM
Information and Guidelines for Academic Year 2013-2014

Undergraduates with strong academic records in certain programs may apply for admission to the BS/MS Accelerated Program, which leads to the simultaneous award of a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in less time than it typically takes to complete both separately. This program allows students to make accelerated progress towards completing the two degrees through combinations of AP credits, summer course work and additional credits completed each semester. Qualified students are considered for admission into the program toward the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of the junior year at the latest. In their remaining undergraduate semesters, they can then accelerate by taking some graduate courses during regular terms and/or during the summer. Students can also elect to complete a graduate certificate provided they apply to the certificate program at the same time as they apply for the BS/MS program.

Minimum Admission Requirements
• Cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better at the Polytechnic School of Engineering.
• Completion of at least 64 credits of undergraduate course work, but no more than 80.
• Completion of the BS/MS Application Form, including signatures of approval from both the BS and MS program advisers as well as the certificate adviser if applicable.
• Transfer students are not eligible to enroll in the BS/MS program.
• The above requirements are the requirements of the program. Please note that individual academic departments may have more stringent requirements.

Requirements for Completion of Both the Bachelor's and Master's Degrees
• Students in the BS/MS accelerated program must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.4 at the School of Engineering for the duration of the BS/MS program.
• If a student’s GPA should drop below 3.4, they will have a one semester probationary period. The student’s undergraduate adviser will be responsible for monitoring the student’s GPA in the BS/MS program.
• This program is designed for simultaneous award of BS and MS degrees. If a student in the BS/MS program elects to receive their BS degree prior to the completion and awarding of the MS degree, a maximum of 9 credits of MS courses taken during the BS/MS studies may apply towards satisfying the School of Engineering’s MS degree requirements in the future.
• To be awarded the degrees, students must satisfy all of the requirements of the Bachelor's degree and the Master's degree; typically, there is no double-counting of courses.
• The main difference between the BS/MS program and the typical process of obtaining two degrees without overlap is that students are allowed to take graduate level courses before they complete the Bachelor's degree.
**Additional Requirements for Electrical Engineering/Computer Engineering (EE/CompE), Computer Science (CS) and Telecommunication Networks Majors**

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 at the School of Engineering for the duration of the BS/MS Program.
- Students completing a MS degree in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science or Telecommunication Networks must complete a design-oriented MS thesis as part of their MS degree. For these students, EE/CompE Design Project II is not required for the BS degree.
- EE/CompE students planning to complete the BS/MS Program in four years are advised to complete EE2013 (Circuits I) and EE 2024 (Circuits II) before their sophomore year.

**Tuition and Fees**

- Tuition and fees for students in the BS/MS accelerated program will be the prevailing undergraduate tuition and fees.
- The BS/MS program is designed to be completed in four (4) years; however, any student enrolled in the BS/MS program who requires a fifth year in order to complete both degrees will receive an extension on any School of Engineering scholarship(s) they have been awarded, provided they meet all the scholarship guidelines.

Students who have specific questions about the BS/MS program and the curriculum, contact the departmental adviser(s) of the departments(s) in which you would like to complete your degrees. Questions about the administrative aspect of the program should be directed to the Office of Undergraduate Academics (ugacademics@poly.edu).