

Honors Tutorial College B.A./M.A. and B.S./M.S. Combined Degrees

As a student in the Honors Tutorial College you may pursue work toward a combined B.A./M.A. or B.S./M.S. degree if you take the following steps:

____ 1. *Make an appointment to see your Director(s) of Studies.* Be prepared to thoroughly discuss with your Director(s) your goals and reasons for wanting to pursue the combination degree. You should emerge from this conversation with a clear understanding concerning two subjects: 1) How an M.A. or M.S. fits into your future educational and professional plans; and 2) The academic requirements and the qualitative expectations associated with pursuing an M.A. or M.S. Obtain the signature of your Director(s) on the attached form.

____ 2. *Make an appointment to see the Graduate Chair in the academic department where you intend to pursue your master's degree.* Discuss with him/her all aspects of the master's program to be sure you are making a sound decision in accordance with your academic goals and abilities. Also make sure to inquire about graduate fellowships, teaching assistantships, and/or stipends. Obtain the signature of the Graduate Chair or Graduate Program Director on the attached form.

____ 3. *Make an appointment to see the Assistant Dean of the Honors Tutorial College.* Discuss with her/him the recommendations made by your Director(s) and the Graduate Chair. Obtain the signature of the HTC Assistant Dean on the attached form.

____ 4. *Complete a graduate application* (available online at the Graduate College website, www.ohio.edu/graduate/apply/). A web application is strongly encouraged. After your application has been reviewed, the department will make an admission decision. The department will forward an admission decision through regular process. A copy of the HTC Early Admission to Graduate Study Form should accompany your application.

Please be aware that:

- Obtaining the signature of the Graduate Chair on the HTC Early Admission to Graduate Study Form does not **guarantee** admission to the M.A. or M.S. program. Graduate admission decisions generally involve the participation of a faculty committee who will review your DARS, letters of recommendation, and other required admission material.
- If admitted, your student status will change from undergraduate to graduate. This means you will NOT be eligible for any undergraduate scholarships and your fees will be assessed at the graduate level. You will, however, be eligible for graduate awards and stipends.
- If admitted, you will have two DARS reports: an undergraduate DARS from the Honors Tutorial College and a graduate DARS from your graduate program.
- If as an undergraduate you have taken graduate courses necessary to get your M.A. or M.S., these courses *will* count toward your master's requirement *only if* you complete the HTC Undergraduate for Graduate Credit application (*not* the Senior for Graduate Credit form).

