1. **This is how the program can be done in five years**
   - Your high achievement puts you on an accelerated track
   - In your senior year, you will take courses called technical electives
   - Eight units of your technical electives will count in both programs
   - That reduces the total number of units required for the MS
   - In a traditional program you may take 1-2 classes per term
   - In this accelerated program you will take 2-3 classes per term
   - In a traditional program you have 2-3 ways to show mastery
   - In this accelerated program, there is only 1, a comprehensive exam
   - Comprehensive exam takes 1-2 quarters to complete

2. **These are the benefits of the program**
   - Save time—typical program is 2-3 years
   - Save money—reduce the amount of time and pay undergrad rates
   - Graduate tuition is more expensive than undergrad tuition
   - You will pay the graduate tuition up front
   - The difference in grad and undergrad rate is refunded
   - Your refund could be a stipend, a TA job, or Grad Assistant job
   - NO GRE—eliminate need for a standardized score
   - Less stress—acceptance is guaranteed
   - Easy application process—working one on one with the department
   - Consideration for the Honors Program—3.5 cum GPA required
     (See Tara Brown before contacting the Honors Program)

3. **These are the requirements of the program**
   **Freshmen & Sophomores**
   - Cumulative GPA above 3.4*
   - Cum GPA above 3.2** in all math, science, & engineering courses
   - On track to complete the undergraduate degree in four years

   **Juniors**
   - Cumulative GPA above 3.4*
   - Cum GPA above 3.2** in all math, science, & engineering courses
   - On track to complete the undergrad degree in 4 years
   - 2 years if you entered as a transfer student
   - Completion of core courses by the end of the 3rd year
   - Minimum grade required in each core course is at least a B-
   - Minimum combined GPA for core courses is above 3.2**

*Above 3.4 is defined as at least 3.409.
**Above 3.2 is defined as at least 3.209.
Additional Information

If you are interested and believe you meet the requirements, complete an interest form and submit to the BS + MS Program Coordinator. You may obtain an interest form Bourns A159 (the Student Affairs Office). The deadline to submit an interest form is Friday of third week of your senior year.

The Coordinator will review evaluate you and inform you of your status prior to the beginning of fall quarter by e-mail.

If you are eligible but not a senior, you just need to continue maintaining the requirements. The Coordinator will review your status every year until you complete the core courses. If you are not eligible, then the coordinator will indicate the reason and if there is a possibility for remediation.

If you are eligible and a senior who has successfully completed the core courses, you will receive a next steps e-mail directing you to meet with your department’s Graduate Assistant to start the application process and Graduate Advisor to gain insight about the expectations of graduate level work.

The Coordinator will continue to monitor your GPA in the fall, winter, and spring of the senior year. If your cumulative GPA falls below 3.409 you could still be deemed ineligible for the program.

By March 15th, you will submit an application for graduation and visit www.commencement.ucr.edu for information about your undergraduate ceremony.

You will finish undergraduate requirements by spring, enjoy your summer, and return in fall as a graduate student.

One year later, you will file an application for Advancement to Candidacy no later than the third week of the spring quarter in which your MS degree is expected to be awarded.

At the end of the term, you will have another ceremony and earn another diploma.

You will have two separate matriculations, two separate degrees, two separate ceremonies, two separate diplomas.

You will have one transcript. It will not indicate specifically that you have completed the Master’s degree in five years. The only indication will be the dates of attendance.

Notes: The Five Year Combined Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Program is from current undergraduate major to the same graduate major. In a traditional program, you may pursue a graduate major that is different from your undergraduate major.

You do not need to earn a Master’s degree prior to pursuing a Doctoral degree. You can go straight from an undergraduate program to a PhD program.

You may pursue a double major or minor while participating in the program. However, the likelihood is that doing so will extend your time to degree beyond four years.