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The 4-1 Program provides Columbia Engineering (CE) students with the opportunity to expand their education in liberal arts through an additional year of study at Columbia College (CC), including the completion of a CC major or concentration. At the end of the fifth year of study, students receive a bachelor of arts degree from CC in addition to a bachelor of science degree from CE. Admitted students are eligible for a fifth year of housing and financial aid.

Students who are accepted and decide to matriculate into the 4-1 Program are required to be in residence at Columbia College for two semesters and complete at least 31 credits during their fifth year. A maximum of 93 points can be transferred from the B.S. degree to the B.A. degree.

Application Procedure

Students apply for the 4-1 program during the spring of their junior year, but interested students should meet with their advising dean at the Center for Student Advising (CSA) during their first or second years to learn more about the program and declare their interest. Advisers will review requirements for admission into the program and assist with academic planning.

Applications are due in late April and should be submitted directly to the CSA. Applicants will meet with the person in charge of the 4-1 Program to review the application materials in detail.

Applicants are notified of the tentative admissions decision in the summer after junior year. The official admissions notification occurs during the summer after senior year.

Requirements

Students must complete the following requirements during their four years at CE:
- All requirements for the B.S. degree
- All CC Core requirements
- Any prerequisite courses for the intended CC major or concentration

Applicants must achieve a 3.0 GPA in CC Core and prerequisite courses.

As part of the application, students are required to obtain departmental approval of the entire fifth year curriculum from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The departmental adviser must certify in writing as part of the application that the proposed curriculum will complete the intended major or concentration and satisfy B.A. degree requirements at the end of two semesters.

Please note that courses cannot double count toward a minor or major at CE and a major or concentration at CC. However, the same courses may be used to satisfy both CE nontechnical elective requirements and CC Core and major/concentration requirements.

Additional Information

For more information about the 4-1 Program, make an appointment with your advising dean.