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CAREY BUSINESS SCHOOL

# CAREY BUSINESS SCHOOL 4+1: STUDENT ADVISING GUIDE

## Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**Welcome!** This guide will help you navigate your path from HWS to a Johns Hopkins Carey Business School Master of Science (MS) degree. Carey welcomes applicants from all academic backgrounds. There are no prerequisites or expectations of prior business coursework for admission to many of our programs.



## Program Overview

The 4+1 program provides a seamless pathway to earn both your bachelor's degree and a specialized master's degree in just five years.

- **Getting Started:** Email Dr. Tom Drennen, Stine Family Endowed Chair in Business Management and Entrepreneurship ([drennen@hws.edu](mailto:drennen@hws.edu)) to express interest in the 4+1 program and plan to apply in your junior year. Admitted students then take two 8-week foundational graduate courses (4 credits total) senior year at no cost. You can use these two courses as the equivalent of one elective towards your HWS major. You must successfully complete these classes with a minimum GPA of 2.85 to secure your spot in the program.
- **Benefit:** Taking these classes early allows you to transition into full-time status at Carey after graduation and complete your master's degree in just two semesters (Fall and Spring), allowing you to graduate in May instead of August to align with traditional recruitment timelines.
- **Learning Format:** Senior-year Carey courses can be completed online or in person (at the Baltimore or Washington, D.C. locations). Once you transition to full-time graduate student status, the remaining curriculum is completed in person at either Carey's Harbor East Baltimore location or in downtown Washington, D.C. at the Hopkins Bloomberg Center.

**Important Note:** This document is purely informational. It outlines the general path and recommendations for the 4+1 program but does not replace official institutional policies, the formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or personalized sessions with your academic advisor.

## Carey Programs of Study

Carey offers seven MS programs for students with a diversity of academic backgrounds and career interests:

- **Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence:** Geared toward data-driven decision-making and modern tech integration (D.C. only).
- **Finance:** At the forefront of AI-driven transformations in finance, students develop the technical and analytical expertise needed to navigate the evolving financial landscape (Baltimore or D.C.).
- **Health Care Management:** Leverages the resources of the Johns Hopkins Health System to give students the knowledge and skills to make a difference (Baltimore only).
- **Information Systems and Artificial Intelligence for Business:** Tailored for technological infrastructure and digital frontier security (D.C. only).
- **Management (MiM):** Designed for recent non-business grads interested in advancing their general business knowledge and leadership skills. This program includes an experiential learning course on global brand strategy in Paris. (Baltimore only).
- **Marketing:** Focused on digital strategy, consumer behavior, and market intelligence with integrated experiential learning programs (Baltimore or D.C. ).
- **Real Estate and Infrastructure:** Now fully available to new partner schools, this pathway is an excellent option for students interested in commercial development and infrastructure finance (D.C. only).

## Admissions & Eligibility Requirements

- **Academic Standing:** 3.25 minimum cumulative GPA
- **Quantitative Preparation:** Having a strong background in math or statistics is highly encouraged for quant-heavy programs like Finance. The admissions team generally looks for a grade of B or better in any quantitative coursework you have completed.
- **Application Timeline:** The formal application process typically takes place spring of junior year.
- **Application Materials:**
  - Completed Online Application
  - Unofficial Academic Transcripts
  - Current Resume
  - Two Essays
  - One Letter of Recommendation

## Academic Considerations

### Major & Course Selection

Use your undergraduate years to explore your interests. If you are contemplating graduate business school, adding a quantitative class like statistics or algebra to your schedule is a fantastic way to build a solid foundation even if your major is in humanities or social sciences.

**\*Special Consideration for MS in Finance:** If you are targeting Finance, a more specific background is highly recommended to remain competitive. Ideally, your transcript should showcase coursework in Quantitative Foundations (such as calculus, econometrics, or statistics) and Business Foundations (such as accounting or economics).

### Planning Your Senior Year

It is highly recommended that you take one Carey class at a time. Spreading out your credits ensures you can comfortably adjust to a graduate-level virtual learning environment without overloading your schedule. Note it is possible to take both classes in the fall without overlapping if you opt to do one class in Fall 1 and one in Fall 2.

## Spend Less, Earn Sooner

### Tuition, Financial Aid, and Deposits

- **Tuition Scholarship:** Students entering through this approved partnership pathway receive a significant tuition benefit, paying 70% of the standard full-time Carey Master of Science tuition for their graduate year.
- **Enrollment Deposits:** To accept your place in the program, you will pay two enrollment deposits of \$1,500. The first is due May 1 of your junior year, and the second is due May 1 of your senior year. There is no extra tuition cost for the two classes you take as a senior; these deposits are credited directly toward your tuition balance when you start your +1 year full-time.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial assistance and scholarships are handled independently by each school. You will apply for undergraduate aid through your home institution and graduate aid through Johns Hopkins University. Carey financial packages are finalized and delivered alongside your formal acceptance.



## Student Success & Resources

You are never on this journey alone. As a 4+1 student, you have immediate access to comprehensive academic support services at Carey, matching the resources provided to full-time graduate students. These include:

- One-on-one academic coaching
- Professional tutoring networks
- Peer-led group study sessions

Upon admission, you will also be paired with a dedicated Carey Academic Advisor for a personalized, 1-on-1 onboarding meeting to map out your specific course requirements and ensure a smooth transition.

## Next Steps for Interested Students

- Schedule a meeting with Dr. Tom Drennen, Stine Family Endowed Chair in Business Management and Entrepreneurship ([drennen@hws.edu](mailto:drennen@hws.edu)) to discuss your eligibility.
- Focus on maintaining a solid GPA, exploring your interests, and integrating foundational quantitative or business courses into your schedule where feasible.
- Questions about the application or ready to apply? Email Jamie LeVee, Assistant Director of Admissions ([jamie.leeve@jhu.edu](mailto:jamie.leeve@jhu.edu)) or scan the QR code to schedule a meeting.

