The Division of Interdisciplinary Studies has an Accelerated Master’s Program! Please read the information below. If you have questions please feel free to contact the MA Director, Martin Woessner: mwoessner@ccny.cuny.edu

Bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences / MA Study of the Americas
The Accelerated Master’s Program will enable talented and motivated undergraduate students in the BA degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences to enroll in courses in the MA in the Study of the Americas, to connect your concentration area to a broader study of the Americas, and to complete this MA degree soon after receiving a Bachelor’s degree in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences. By more quickly receiving an advanced degree, successful participating students will be more competitive for jobs and for admission to further graduate programs such as PhD programs.

What is the accelerated MA option?
Undergraduate students accepted to the Accelerated MA option in the Study of the Americas will be able to apply up to 12 credits of graduate courses in the Study of the Americas to both their undergraduate BA in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences and the MA in the Study of the Americas requirements. Currently, the department requires three four-credit advanced electives (12 credits) for each BA concentration. The department will allow all Study of the Americas courses (other than independent study, thesis, and capstone courses, or courses taken on e-permit) to count towards these elective requirements for the BA concentration.

What are the admissions requirements for the accelerated MA option?
To be admitted to the accelerated MA option, you must:
- be a current BA in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences major;
- have at least 60 credits;
- have taken the three required major courses
  - IAS 24200, Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies
  - IAS 23324, Advanced Composition OR IAS 23304, The Essay
  - SPAN 22504, Intermediate Spanish
How do I apply?
To apply, submit the following to mwoessner@ccny.cuny.edu:
- completed application form
- a transcript
- two letters of recommendation from a faculty member (at least one of whom must be from the Department of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences)
- personal statement describing your interest in the Study of the Americas and its connection to your concentration area.

Do I need to maintain a certain GPA to stay in the accelerated MA option?
Yes. Undergraduate students in the accelerated MA option are required to maintain,
- a GPA of 3.0 in both undergraduate courses and Master’s level courses. Students who are not making good progress toward the requirements or whose GPA falls below 3.0 in either undergraduate or graduate courses will be given one term to rectify the situation. Students unable to do so will be dismissed from the accelerated option.

How will I be billed for the MA classes I take while I am still an undergrad?
- Full-time undergraduate New York state residents will pay the undergraduate full-time tuition rate until they reach 120 credits (regardless of whether the courses are MA or BA courses).
- Part-time undergraduate students will pay the graduate tuition rate when taking an MA course.

Who will advise me?
You will be advised on the undergraduate requirements and course selection by your assigned Academic Advisor and on the graduate requirements and course selection by the Graduate Director.