THE 4+1 EDUCATION PROGRAM = B.S./B.A. + M.S./M.A. + teacher certification in five years at reduced cost.

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Come see why the 4+1 Education Program at Albright College will put you in a class above the rest.
Albright’s graduate program in education leads to a master of arts or a master of science degree and offers four concentrations: general education (including secondary education), elementary education, special education and early childhood education. Undergraduate students who wish to complete both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees in five years can apply to Albright’s 4+1 education program.

This sequential degree program not only allows students the opportunity to earn both degrees in five years, but it also enables students to earn teacher certification in elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or secondary education content areas at the same time. Courses leading to English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsement are also available.

During the first four years, students will complete:
- General studies program
- Concentration/major requirements
- Undergraduate Education Department requirements
- Up to two graduate courses during senior year
- A bachelor of arts degree or a bachelor of science degree in a liberal arts concentration or a liberal arts/education co-concentration

In the fifth year, which includes summer, fall, Interim, spring, and summer semesters, students will complete their remaining graduate credits, student teaching internship and seminar, and teacher certification requirements.

The graduate course sequence for 4+1 students proceeds as follows:

**Spring/Senior year**
(These two courses are tuition free)
- EDU 515: Advanced Human Development
- EDU 525: Current Trends in Historical Perspective

**First Summer**
- EDU 510: Statistics and Research Design
- Two concentration courses
- One liberal studies strand course

**Fall/Fifth year**
- EDU 520: Curriculum Development
- Two or three concentration courses

**Spring/Fifth year**
- Student Teaching (two course units)

**Second Summer**
- One concentration course
- EDU 700: Research Project and Seminar

**To apply for admission to the 4+1 program:**
- Submit application in accordance with the screening and retention policies and guidelines for teacher certification programs, including: C or higher on all education and content courses required for certification, minimum GPA of 3.0
- MAT or GRE exam
- Letter of Admission to Education Department on file
- Complete Graduate Application Packet including two recommendation letters

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: When can I apply to the 4+1 program?
A: Application must be complete before the end of the junior year. An earlier decision, however, helps with the scheduling of courses.

Q: How will I benefit from being a student in the 4+1 program?
A: As a 4+1 student, you will earn a master’s degree immediately after finishing your bachelor’s degree, thus achieving an advanced degree before you even begin your teaching career. Being credentialed with an advanced degree at the start of your teaching career exhibits dedication, integrity, and a solid commitment to the vocation of teaching.

Q: How will it help me in my career as a teacher?
A: You will enter the teaching field with a master’s degree, while other teachers who wish to pursue their master’s degree as they progress in their careers will have to juggle their teaching responsibilities with a graduate education. In addition, monetarily you will be in a higher salary bracket than your counterpart who has only an undergraduate degree complementing their teacher certification.