The Accelerated 4+1 Pathways allow students to combine an undergraduate liberal arts education at Barnard with a master’s degree at one of the world’s preeminent research universities. Application fees and GRE requirements are waived for Barnard students. Students admitted to the Accelerated 4+1 Pathways have access to Beyond Barnard advising and special events hosted for their cohorts. Questions can be directed to beyondbarnard@barnard.edu.

The 4+1 Pathway between Barnard College and Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs connects the College to one of the world’s preeminent policy schools. Students at Barnard have the opportunity to complete their BA and either a Master’s in International Affairs (MIA) or Master’s in Public Affairs (MPA) in five years. They pursue a range of SIPA’s concentrations that span disciplines and areas of interest.
Application Open: Currently Open (Jan. 2021)  
Application Close: First week of February  
Required GPA: 3.5  
Standardized Tests: Waived

Students can earn a Master of International Affairs (MIA) or Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Number of CU credits taken year four: 24  
Total number of CU credits required: 54  

What questions do students ask of BB, Faculty, and CU partners?

Beyond Barnard
· How does the pathway fit with your academic interests and career goals?  
· What are the application requirements and timeline?  
· Application support, including soliciting recommendations & reviewing your resume and personal statement

Barnard Faculty Advisors
· Review your academic progress – how will you finish your requirements at Barnard?  
· Discuss majors, minors, and other academic goals as they relate to 4+1  
· How will you complete SIPA requirements in years 4 and 5?

Columbia Advisors
· Questions about application logistics  
· How does course registration work?  
· Questions about selecting a focus area and meeting its requirements