Combined BA/MA in Philosophy Worksheet

Name: ___________________________   Student ID#: ___________________________

I. During your first two years, work toward completion of your BA Requirements. In fact, you should take no graduate-level courses during these years.

II. During your junior year, continue to take undergraduate-level courses only, while beginning to plan for your graduate studies

☐ Keep working toward undergraduate requirements (taking courses no higher than those at the 400 level).
☐ During the second semester of your junior year, apply online (http://www.american.edu/cas/admissions/apply.cfm) to the MA program. The year and term for which you are applying (line 20 of the application) must be the semester after you expect to graduate from your BA program.
☐ Choose your MA track: History of Philosophy; Philosophy and Social Policy; or Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs ____________________________.
☐ Once you have been accepted to the combined program, meet with the department’s graduate advisor to determine your Program of Study that will show which courses will be applied toward your undergraduate degree and which courses will be applied toward your graduate degree. The graduate advisor will obtain permission from the CAS Dean’s Office for you to take during your senior year any courses in your Program of Study that are at the 600-level or above (you will not be able to register for these courses through the portal).

III. During your senior year,

☐ Complete all undergraduate requirements:
   ☐ General education requirements
   ☐ Undergraduate major in philosophy requirements: In accordance with your prescribed Program of Study, take 3 (for History of Philosophy, and Philosophy and Social Policy) or 4 (for Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs) of the philosophy courses that count for your BA at the 500 level or above (these will count toward your MA once you graduate from the BA).
   ☐ University minimum of 120 credits toward the BA (this includes the 9 or 12 credits that will also count toward the MA).
   ☐ If applicable, all requirements completed for additional majors.
   ☐ If applicable, all requirements completed for minors.
   ☐ If applicable, all requirements completed for the Honors Program.
   ☐ Apply for graduation for your BA degree in the semester in which you will finish all the BA requirements.

IV. Meet all requirements for the MA in philosophy.

☐ Verify that you have officially graduated before taking the courses below. If you have not finished an undergraduate requirement, these courses will not count toward your MA.
☐ Take the remaining 24 credits (for History of Philosophy, and Philosophy and Social Policy) or 27 credits (for Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs) required for the MA.
☐ Complete the qualifying paper requirements.