



**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COMBINED BACHELOR'S/MASTER'S PATHWAY
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE/APPLIED AMERICAN POLITICS
& POLICY**

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The program provides academically-talented undergraduate students an opportunity to complete the BS or BA degree in any major and the MS in Applied American Politics and Policy (MAAPP), utilizing Bright Futures funding to defray course hour costs, and to complete the MS in as little as two additional semesters beyond the completion of the baccalaureate degree with full-time enrollment.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Interested students should submit the program application (available on the departmental website) to the Academic Coordinator of the Department of Political Science to determine eligibility. If accepted, the student will complete the "Request to Take Graduate Credit as an Undergraduate" Form from the Registrar's Office (http://registrar.fsu.edu/forms/grad_course_request.pdf), including all required signatures, and meet with the Applied American Politics and Policy program director for advising. The form should be submitted to the Registrar's Office for enrollment into courses during the appropriate registration window. Students should take the GRE or LSAT examination and submit the formal graduate admissions application for the MAAPP program in the first six weeks of the semester prior to their intended acceptance into the MS in MAAPP program.

APPLICATION TIMELINES:

Students wishing to enroll in courses for the Combined Pathway in the Fall semester, should submit their application by April 15. Students wishing to enroll in course for the Combined Pathway in the Spring semester, should submit their application by October 15.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

This program is open to qualified undergraduate students, regardless of undergraduate major. Students must have completed a minimum of 75 credit hours towards the baccalaureate degree, with a minimum of 24 credit hours having been completed at Florida State University. Students must have a minimum 3.50 overall grade point average (GPA), OR a minimum 3.00 GPA and a minimum score of 149 on both the Quantitative and Verbal sections of the GRE. A weighted score of 151 on the LSAT will be accepted in lieu of the GRE.

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDY:

Students in the Combined Pathway may complete up to four (4) graduate-level courses (12 credit hours) from the approved MAAPP course list, which will count simultaneously towards the bachelor's and master's degree requirements. Students in the Combined Pathway may select up to two (2) graduate-level courses (6 credit hours) in any semester. For course enrollment, students will review the MAAPP Registration Guide and may make course requests with the Academic Coordinator. After a review of course requests, Combined Pathway students will be informed which courses they are approved to enroll in for the semester. Courses taken towards the 36-credit hour requirements for MAAPP must be at the graduate-level (5000+).

Admission to a combined pathways program at Florida State University and/or in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy allows students to share, or double-count, up to 12 graduate credit hours between a bachelor's and master's degree, both earned at FSU. Students who choose to pursue a degree at another institution are not guaranteed the ability to transfer graduate coursework earned as part of a combined pathways program at FSU to count in that other institution's program(s).

OVERVIEW OF MAAPP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Students must complete a total of 36 graduate credit hours for the MS, including 12 hours of required courses, 12 hours of approved electives, and 12 hours of POS5945 – Practicum. Undergraduate students in the Combined Pathway must earn a course grade of "B" or higher in order for the course to count towards the MAAPP degree. Graduate students must earn a course grade of "B-" or higher in order for the course to count towards the MAAPP degree. A 3.00 or better overall GPA in graduate coursework is required for the completion of the MAAPP degree.

**Masters of Applied American Politics and Policy
Application for Combined Pathway (BA or BS/MS)**

Department of Political Science
Florida State University
Tallahassee FL 32306-2230

Click on each box to enter your information. Boxes expand as you type.

Name _____	Undergraduate Major(s) _____ (This combined program is open to all majors)
FSU E-mail Address _____	

Applicants for the Combined Bachelors/Masters in AAPP can take a maximum of 12 credit hours of approved graduate-level MAAPP coursework that will count simultaneously towards requirements for each degree program. Admission into the Combined Bachelors/Masters program requires the following conditions be met:

- Minimum 3.50 GPA overall and in upper-level coursework (counted from the semester of the 60th credit hour on), OR a minimum 3.00 GPA and a minimum score of 149 on both the Quantitative and Verbal sections of the GRE. A weighted score of 151 on the LSAT will be accepted in lieu of the GRE;
- Completion of a minimum of 75 credit hours, to include POS3713 (Undergraduate Research Methods) and no fewer than 24 credit hours taken at Florida State University;
- Stated intention to complete the MS degree in Applied American Politics and Policy (the formal graduate application must be filed according to University Admissions deadlines for a semester following the completion of bachelor's degree requirements).

When do you plan to begin taking coursework for MAAPP? (Fall/Spring and Year) _____

For which term do you seek full entry into the MAAPP program? (Fall/Spring and Year) _____

Along with this form, applicants should also submit: 1) an updated resume/cv, and 2) a 500-word statement of goals and interests.

How did you hear about our program? (Mark all that apply)

- Internet Search
- FSU Political Science website
- Faculty
- Recommended by a professional contact If so, whom? _____
- Other _____

All applicants are required to submit this form for eligibility review. Once accepted, students will complete the "Request to Take Graduate Credit as an Undergraduate" Form from the Registrar's Office, including all required signatures, and meet with the Applied American Politics and Policy program director for advising. The form should be submitted to the Registrar's Office for enrollment into courses during the appropriate registration window. Students should take the GRE or LSAT examination and submit the formal graduate admissions application for the MAAPP program in the first six weeks of the semester prior to their intended acceptance into the MS in MAAPP program.

The University Graduate Application (including University application forms, admissions fee, departmental documents, GRE or LSAT) must be submitted to the Office of Admissions in order to formally enter graduate status. APPROVAL FOR THE COMBINED BACHELORS/MASTERS PATHWAY DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO MAAPP IF STUDENT FALLS BELOW MINIMUM GRADUATE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS. Once completed, this form should be returned to Elisa Kuchvalek (533 BEL) at ekuchvalek@fsu.edu for review.

<u>DEPARTMENT USE ONLY</u>	
Course Credits Completed _____	Approved / Denied
Overall GPA _____	Notification Sent _____
Upper-Level (Admissions) GPA _____	Dean's Approval _____
POS3713 Semester and Grade _____	