



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

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Download the MAAPP Combined Pathway application found at FSUmaapp.com and return the completed form, your resume, and personal statement to the Department of Political Science's Academic Coordinator, Elisa Kuchvalek.** The application can be submitted by e-mail (ekuchvalek@fsu.edu) or in-person (BEL 533). Combined Pathway requirements include:
 - Minimum 3.50 GPA overall and in upper-division coursework (defined as the semester of the 60th credit hour on)
 - OR**
 - 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 (Political Science Research), 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.

2. **Schedule a meeting with Political Science's Academic Coordinator (optional).**
 - If you have any questions/concerns or need further assistance as you are going through the application process, you can schedule an appointment with our department's Academic Coordinator, Elisa Kuchvalek. During the meeting, our Academic Coordinator can discuss expectations associated with the pathway, course scheduling, course selection, and provide a general overview of the MAAPP program.

AFTER ADMISSION TO THE COMBINED PATHWAY

1. **Register for MAAPP Course(s)**
 - If you are selected for admission to the MAAPP Combined Bachelor's/Master's Pathway, you will be contacted via e-mail by the Academic Coordinator; this e-mail will include specific instructions regarding how to register for your first MAAPP course(s).
 - Students in the Combined Pathway may take a maximum of 12 credit hours of approved graduate-level coursework that will count simultaneously towards requirements for both degree programs (BA/BS and MS). 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).

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2. Mid-semester Check-in

- Students in the Combined Pathway will have a check-in with the Political Science Department each semester. This helps ensure progress on the Combined Pathway and supports planning for the steps needed to successfully apply for admission to MAAPP.

ADMISSION TO MAAPP

1. Apply for Admission to MAAPP

- Combined Pathway students still need to apply for full admission to the MAAPP program. Application deadlines are: April 15 (for Fall) and Nov. 1 (for Spring).
- Both the MAAPP program and the FSU Graduate School application should be submitted in the first six weeks of the semester prior to the student's intended acceptance in the MAAPP program.
 - The application for MAAPP is available at: FSUmaapp.com
 - The application for the FSU Graduate School is available at: admissions.fsu.edu/graduate/
- Requirements are detailed in the applications and include (but are not limited to): GRE or LSAT scores, official transcripts, and a statement of purpose.
- Please note: approval for the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Pathway does not guarantee admission to the MAAPP if the student falls below minimum graduate admission requirements.

If you have any questions about the Combined Bachelor's/Master's Pathway in Applied American Politics & Policy, feel free to contact:

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