

# COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMBINED DEGREE PATHWAYS

Enrollment in a combined pathway allows highly qualified, current Empire State University students to work on the Master of Arts in Community and Economic Development while completing the bachelor's degree. Up to 12 credits of designated master's courses are incorporated into the bachelor's degree program and will count toward both the bachelor's and master's degrees.

## The Pathways

- B.A. or B.S. or B.P.S. in Business, Management and Economics to M.A. in Community and Economic Development, or
- B.A. or B.S. or B.P.S. in Public Affairs to M.A. in Community and Economic Development

## Admission

Admission into the combined program is highly selective. Matriculated undergraduate students may apply to the combined program and will complete all of the application requirements for the master's degree program. The admission application process includes a review of all coursework completed and a minimum recalculated GPA of 3.2 (most recent 60 credits earned), one recommendation, and two application essays.

## Application

Please see the Graduate Admission (<http://catalog.esc.edu/graduate/admission/>) section of this catalog for a complete listing of materials required to complete a graduate application.

## Curriculum

The combined degree pathway requires 148 credits total, of which 36 are master's credits leading to the M.A. in Community and Economic Development. Students must meet all college, AOS and relevant concentration guidelines.

In the combined degree pathway, the student may use up to 12 graduate credits (specified below under "Combined Program Courses") to complete the 124 credits required for the undergraduate degree. This degree must meet all requirements established by the college, as well as the student's area of study. Once the undergraduate degree has been awarded, the student may begin the remaining 24 credits required for the graduate M.A. in Community and Economic Development degree. The combined degree, culminating in the completion of the master's degree, requires a total of 148 credits. Students must meet master's expectations for academic progress and grade point average in their master's level courses to remain in the combined program.

## Prerequisite Courses

Applicants must include undergraduate level courses in statistics (3 credits) and macroeconomics (3 credits) in their degree program.

## Combined Pathway Courses

These four graduate courses (12 credits) may be taken as an undergraduate student. The remaining 8 graduate courses (24 credits) would be taken once matriculated as a graduate student. See the MA

in Community and Economic Development (<http://catalog.esc.edu/graduate/programs/ma-community-economic-development/>) program page of this catalog for the remaining graduate course list.

Code	Title	Credits
PPOL 6007	Policy Process	3
PPOL 6030	Public Policy Analysis	3
CAED 6010	Principles of Community & Economic Development	3
CAED 6040	Stakeholder-Sensitive Business Models	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>12</b>