

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMBINED DEGREE PATHWAYS

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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

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Admission into the combined programs is highly selective. To be considered for admission into a combined pathway, applicants must complete an undergraduate application and meet the following requirements:

- Minimum 3.2 GPA (recalculation of up to the last 60 credits earned); and
- Transferring no more than 92 credits at the time of application.

In addition to the above, to be offered official admission¹ candidates must have completed 60 or more undergraduate credits.

Please see the **Undergraduate Admission page** for a complete listing of materials required to complete an undergraduate application.

¹ Candidates who have less than 60 undergraduate credits can be accepted conditionally. To become officially admitted, conditional admits must maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA until they have 60 credits. Candidates who do not meet the requirements will be dismissed from the combined pathway and allowed to complete the bachelor's portion.

Curriculum

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The combined degree pathway requires 142 credits total, of which 30 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 Pathway Courses") to complete the 124 credits required for the undergraduate degree. This degree must meet all requirements established by the university, as well as

the student's area of study. Once the undergraduate degree has been awarded, the student may begin the remaining 18 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 142 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.

Combined Pathway Courses

These four graduate courses (12 credits) may be taken as an undergraduate student. The remaining six graduate courses (18 credits) would be taken once matriculated as a graduate student. See the MA in Community and Economic Development (<http://catalog.sunyempire.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
Total Credits		12