# GET A HEAD START ON A MASTER'S DEGREE WITH A COMBINED PATHWAY



### **VICTORIA MEDINA**

Combined BS/MSF Pathway: BS Finance 2021, MSF 2022 Accounting & Finance Specialist, Sendero, Dallas, Texas

"Taking graduate classes as an undergraduate student allowed me to observe the differences in material. While it was challenging and different, it proved to me that the MSF program was something I could and wanted to accomplish."



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Combined BS/MAcc Pathway: BS Accounting 2020, MAcc 2021; BS Finance 2020 PwC Assurance Associate, Tampa, Florida

"My main motivation was the ability to complete the MAcc program in two semesters instead of three. I wanted to have the summer to myself to recharge before starting my career, not to mention being able to save time and money."

## TODAY!

- Benefits top students in most undergraduate business majors
- Count up to three shared courses toward your bachelor's and master's degrees
- Potentially save time and tuition money





"Students are arriving at Florida State with more credit hours than ever before.

These combined pathways give our highest-achieving students an opportunity to get the most out of their time in school and, in many cases, finish both degrees in the four years it traditionally takes to complete a bachelor's degree program."

- Kathleen McCullough Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Kathryn Magee Kip Professor in Risk Management & Insurance



#### **Combining coursework**

The Florida State College of Business offers select undergraduate majors the option of accelerating their studies and getting a head start on graduate school. Combined bachelor's/master's pathways allow prospective students to substitute specific graduate coursework for undergraduate classes and count up to three shared courses toward requirements for both bachelor's and master's degrees. The following majors are eligible for a combined pathway: Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Professional Sales, Real Estate and Risk Management/Insurance.

#### Requirements and benefits

Students are eligible if they have a 3.4+ GPA overall, a 3.2+ GPA overall in upper-division coursework and 3.2+ GPA in major-specific upper-division coursework. Completing graduate coursework before undergraduate graduation equips students with advanced skills needed for better internships and employment opportunities. Eligible students also may benefit by applying undergraduate scholarships and financial assistance toward a portion of the graduate coursework tuition and fees being counted toward both degrees. In some cases, combined pathway students will be able to shorten their overall time in school.

#### **Application process**

Students interested in a combined pathway should register their interest at the same time, or as soon as possible after, they are admitted to their major to determine if they are eligible. The interest registration link can be found

at **business.fsu.edu/combined**. Accepted combined pathway students will enroll in the graduate courses typically during their final two terms as an undergraduate student.

#### Separate graduate application process

Students accepted to a combined pathway will still be required to apply separately to the master's degree program. Students should begin this process during the first semester of their senior year.

Although students completing a combined pathway are typically on track for admission to a master's program, students must still meet all application requirements. Visit **graduatebusiness.fsu.edu** to learn more about what application materials will be needed, including recommendations, personal statements and optional entrance exam scores (such as the GMAT or GRE). Note that each master's program also has a required deadline for submitting an application and materials.

Combined pathway students must average a 3.0 GPA or higher in the three shared courses in order for their work to count toward the master's degree. The graduate classes are more advanced than the undergraduate classes that they are replacing, providing additional information needed to meet the standard skills and knowledge required by the university and expected by employers hiring master's graduates. Combined pathway students not accepted into a master's program may still use their shared credit hours toward bachelor's degree requirements.

Note: Program requirements are subject to change.

	Pathway options by undergraduate major	
Accounting	Master of Accounting	(BS/MAcc)
Finance	Master of Science in Finance Master of Business Administration	(BS/MSF) (BS/MBA)
Human Resource Managemen	Master of Business Administration	(BS/MBA)
Management Information Syst	Master of Science in Management Information Systems Master of Business Administration	(BS/MS-MIS) (BS/MBA)
Marketing	Master of Business Administration	(BS/MBA)
Professional Sales	Master of Business Administration	(BS/MBA)
Real Estate	Master of Science in Finance Master of Business Administration	(BS/MSF) (BS/MBA)
Risk Management/Insurance	Master of Science in Risk Management and Insurance Master of Business Administration	(BS/MS-RMI) (BS/MBA)

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