

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



## **VICTORIA MEDINA**

*Combined BS/MSF Pathway: BS Finance 2021,  
MSF 2022*

*Pembroke Pines, Florida*

*"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."*



## **WILL AMOUZOU**

*Combined BS/MAcc Pathway: BS Accounting 2020,  
MAcc 2021; BS Finance 2020*

*PwC Audit 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."*

**MOVE FORWARD  
TODAY!**

- Streamline your studies by combining your bachelor's and master's degrees
- Double count up to 9 credit hours toward both degrees
- Potentially use any remaining Bright Futures award toward part of your graduate tuition



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**[business.fsu.edu/combined](https://business.fsu.edu/combined)**

*"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**  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,  
Kathryn Magee Kip Professor in Risk Management & Insurance



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### Combining coursework

The 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 double count up to nine credit hours of coursework 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, 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 discipline-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 remaining undergraduate Bright Futures award toward a portion of the graduate coursework tuition and fees that are 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 [business.fsu.edu/combined](https://business.fsu.edu/combined). Eligible students may apply by the end of the second semester of their junior year. Admitted students are then able to register for graduate courses during their senior year.

### Separate graduate application process

Students accepted to the combined pathway will still be required to apply separately to the master's degree program during the first semester of their senior year. While students entering the combined pathway are typically on track for admission to a master's program, students must meet all application requirements. Visit [graduatebusiness.fsu.edu](https://graduatebusiness.fsu.edu) to learn more about what application materials will be needed, including recommendations, personal statements and requirements for an acceptable GMAT score or information on how to qualify for a GMAT waiver.

Combined pathway students must average a 3.0 GPA or higher in the three double-counted 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.

## Pathway options by undergraduate major

Accounting	Master of Accounting	(BS/MAcc)
Finance	Master of Science in Finance Master of Business Administration	(BS/MSF) (BS-FIN/MBA)
Human Resource Management	Master of Business Administration	(BS-HRM/MBA)
Management Information Systems	Master of Science in Management Information Systems Master of Business Administration	(BS/MS-MIS) (BS-MIS/MBA)
Marketing	Master of Business Administration	(BS-MAR/MBA)
Real Estate	Master of Science in Finance Master of Business Administration	(BS-FIN/MSF) (BS-RE/MBA)
Risk Management/Insurance	Master of Science in Risk Management and Insurance Master of Business Administration	(BS/MS-RMI) (BS-RMI/MBA)

The FSU College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International).

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