APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Download the MAAPP Combined Pathway application found at FSUmaapp.com and return the completed form 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.
   - Along with the application form, students should also submit: 1) an updated resume/cv, and 2) a 500-word statement of goals and interests.
   - Students wishing to enroll in course for the Combined Pathway in the Fall semester, should submit their application by April 15. Students wishing to enroll in course for the Combined Pathway in the Spring semester, should submit their application by October 15.

2. Schedule a Meeting with Political Science Department
   - Once your application is submitted and a decision has been made regarding your ability to participate in the program, you will be contacted by the Political Science Department. Generally, students will be informed of the decision three or more weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in which they applied to start the program.
   - At that time a meeting will be scheduled where we will discuss the expectations associated with the pathway, course scheduling and selection, and address any of your questions or concerns.

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).
   - Students in the Combined Pathway may select up to two (2) graduate-level courses (6 credit hours) in any semester.

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: Fall admissions - April 15 (early) and July 1 (regular); and Spring admissions - November 1.
     o For details visit: FSUmaapp.com
     o The application for the FSU Graduate School is available at: admissions.fsu.edu/graduate/
   • Requirements are detailed in the application and include (but are not limited to): GRE or LSAT scores, official transcripts, resume/CV, writing sample, and a statement of purpose.
   • Please note: approval for the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Pathway does not guarantee admission to the MAAPP.

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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