Combined Bachelor’s / Master’s Degrees Program

The Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Degrees Program is offered by the College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and is administrated by UEP. Exceptional students may combine undergraduate and graduate courses and are simultaneously enrolled in bachelor’s and master’s degrees programs. Both degrees are awarded only on completion of the entire program; a student may not receive one degree earlier, even if the requirements for that degree have been met. It is expected that the student will complete the Combined Bachelor’s/Master’s Degrees Program in five years.

The Program is open to all majors offered in the College of Liberal Arts. Potential related majors include (but not limited to) anthropology, architectural studies, biology, community health, economics, environmental studies, sociology, and political science. The relevant master’s degree is the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Urban and Environment Policy and Planning, which requires two years of full-time study ordinarily.

Students seeking admission to the Program should consult their undergraduate major advisors and UEP student affairs coordinator before applying to the graduate school. Combined-degrees students are expected to fulfill all the requirements of the undergraduate and graduate programs. No courses offered in fulfillment of one set of requirements may be used for the other. A student may elect to withdraw from the Program at any time by filing the appropriate petition.

Admission Requirements

Interested students are encouraged to apply as early as their sophomore year, but would be required to apply during the Fall semester of their junior year (the deadline for the M.A. is January 15). Only in exceptional cases will an application be accepted after the junior year. Note that Tufts students do NOT have to take the GRE.

All applicants must meet the following pre-requisites before admission to the UEP M.A. program:

- Urban Studies minor or a UEP course (with a B- or better, excluding courses in professional skills)
- ECON 011 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory or equivalent (with a B- or better)
- MATH 021 Introductory Statistics or equivalent (with a B- or better)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

To apply, click on the online application here. Additional information and application requirements are available at Graduate School of Arts and Sciences or (617) 627-2000. A complete application includes:

- Application for admission
- Scanned copies of all college transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Personal statement – applicant will articulate the following: 1) how the UEP M.A. degree will help fulfill your aspirations and/or career goals; 2) describe your real-world experience, including internships, research, and work-related activities, that have prepared you for graduate level work at UEP; 3) proposed course plan, which must include all remaining undergraduate course requirements, signed by the undergraduate major advisors

**Course Requirements**

Combined-degrees students are expected to fulfill all the requirements of their undergraduate major and the UEP M.A. degree. No courses offered in fulfillment of one set of requirements may be used for the other degree; however, up to two graduate-level electives taken during the undergraduate program may be set aside to count for the M.A. program. To satisfy the credit requirements of both the graduate and undergraduate degrees, students may need to take courses during the summer.

The student will enter the UEP M.A. student cohort during their senior year and take the following core graduate courses:

- UEP 250 Foundations of Public Policy and Planning
- UEP 252 Cities in Space, Place and Time
- UEP 255 Field Projects

During their senior year, students also will continue to complete their remaining undergraduate coursework. In addition, the following UEP M.A. degree requirements will be completed during the fourth and fifth years of study:

- Ten credits of elective courses at the graduate level. Two of these electives may come from outside the UEP department. In addition, if a student has taken up to two graduate-level electives during the undergraduate program and has set them aside to not count towards the bachelor’s degree, such courses may be included in the ten credits of elective courses for the M.A. program.
- 150-hour internship relevant to policy or planning
- Capstone exam or thesis (one credit)

**Tuition and Financial Aid Information**

Combined-degrees students must pay four years of undergraduate tuition and the equivalent of entire tuition for a 1-year master’s degree (most other master’s degrees at Tufts are one year in duration). Tuition scholarships may be available for the M.A. degree. We highly recommend that the student apply for financial aid when filling out the application for the M.A. degree.