



Combined Programs Lifecycle

Background:

Combined degrees allow students to count graduate credits toward their bachelor's degree and their graduate degree which allows for the completion of both degrees in less time. A combined degree program allows students to complete "swing credits" (6-12 depending on the program) while enrolled as an undergraduate, which count for both their bachelor's and master's degrees.



Questions?

The Graduate School Staff is ready to help.

Touch base with your Admissions Liaison for more information or to discuss options for your program(s).

For more information and to send your feedback:



Incoming Freshman

Incoming Freshmen can apply directly to most combined programs by selecting their desired academic program on their Freshman application.

Maintain Standing

Students in the Combined Program Track will need to maintain GPA required by their program of study.

The Graduate School will continue to send recruitment e-mails to students each semester.

Swing Credits

Students in their final year of undergraduate study will take several graduate-level courses specifically designed to apply to both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the Combined Program Track

The Next Level

During first semester of Senior Year, students appearing on the graduation list will be invited to apply to the graduate portion of the program.

Students meeting GPA requirements established for the program have an expedited application and admission process. Others will be encouraged to apply via the traditional application process.

Undergraduate (Bachelor's)

Graduate (Master's) Degree

Internal Transfer

Most programs allow students who have earned 90 undergraduate credits or less in pursuit of a Bachelor's degree at MSU to switch to the Undergraduate Combined Program Track.

Counseled Out

After 60 credits, all students not meeting their program's minimum GPA will be counseled out of the Combined Program Track by their undergraduate advisor and can pursue a Bachelors-only curriculum.

Students can re-enter their program if their GPA improves and they've earned 90 credits or less.

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Benefits of Combined Programs:

- Save up to \$7,000 in tuition and fees.
- Graduate with both degrees 12-18 months earlier.
- Ease and transparency of admissions process.

Combined Programs microsite:

Launched June 2021

Montclair State University Combined Programs

Combined Program Fast Facts:

- MSU has more Combined Program options than any other institution in NJ
- Nearly 700 UG students pursuing Combined Programs in Fall 2021