

FINANCE, COMBINED DEGREE PATHWAY

Empire State College currently offers a combined degree pathway to the MS in Finance to undergraduate students of SUNY Cobleskill. Enrollment in a combined pathway allows highly qualified, current SUNY Cobleskill students to work on a master's degree while completing their bachelor's degree. Up to 12 credits of designated graduate courses are incorporated into the undergraduate degree program and will count toward both the bachelor's degree and the master's degree.

The Pathway

Undergraduate students of **SUNY Cobleskill** may seek the following combined degree pathway:

- B.B.A. in Financial Services (through SUNY Cobleskill) to MS in Finance

Admission

Admission into the MS in Finance combined degree pathway is highly selective. Matriculated SUNY Cobleskill undergraduate students may apply to the combined program through the School for Graduate Studies and will complete all of the application requirements for the master's degree program. The applicant must have a minimum recalculated GPA of 3.2 (most recent 60 credit earned).

In addition to completing the graduate application¹, candidates must have completed the following academic prerequisites or their equivalent, with a B or better, to be considered for admission:

- Statistics (3 credits); and
- Financial Accounting (3 credits)

Please see the Graduate Admission (<http://catalog.esc.edu/graduate/admission/>) section of this catalog for a complete listing of materials required to complete a graduate application.

¹ SUNY Cobleskill applicants are not required to submit the application essay nor the recommendation letters and may request a waiver code of the application fee at grad@esc.edu.

Curriculum

Students accepted to a combined program will include the following 4 courses (12 credits) in their approved undergraduate degree plans. Special requests to substitute these courses will be considered by the program chairs in consultation with the student's SUNY Cobleskill advisor.

These programs require careful planning that should begin in the first term of a student's undergraduate career. The student and their undergraduate advisor should consult in planning the undergraduate degree program so that these requirements are met during undergraduate study and that the 12 credits of master's courses from the MS in Finance program also are included in the degree plan. Students must meet graduate expectations for academic progress and grade point average in their master's level courses to remain in a combined program.

Combined Pathway Courses

Code	Title	Credits
MGMT 6016	Financial Management	3
FSMA 6010	Quantitative Methods in Finance	3
<i>Choose 2 from the following courses:</i>		6
FSMA 6050	Financial Analysis & Control	3
MGMT 6065	Economics for Global Managers	3
MGMT 6075	International Financial Management	3

Remaining required courses of the MS in Finance degree can be found on the MS in Finance (<http://catalog.esc.edu/graduate/programs/ms-finance/>) degree page of this catalog.