

# AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS

Combined Degree Programs  
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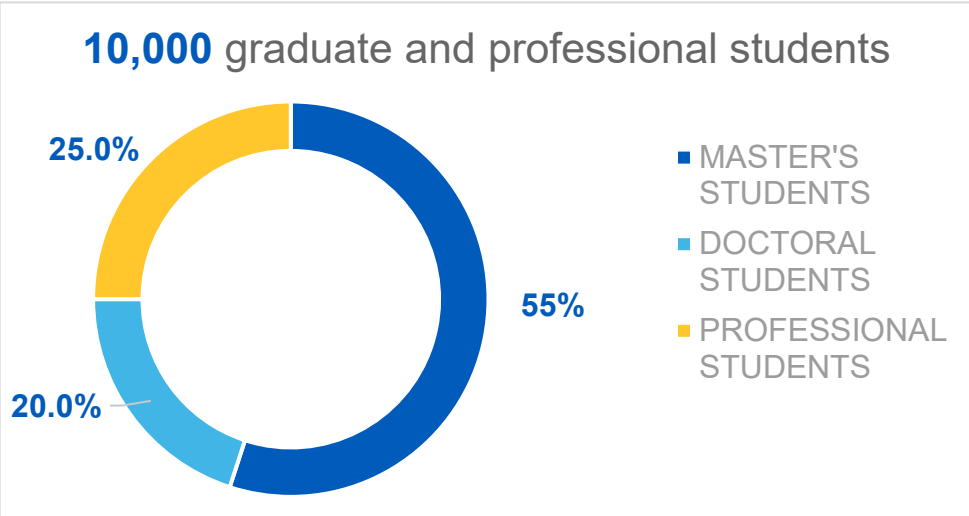
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# University at Buffalo

AAU Public University with more than **30,000** students enrolled.



- Over **300** graduate and professional programs across health sciences and professions, education, architecture, engineering, business, law, arts, humanities and natural sciences.
- Approximately **40%** of UB undergraduate students are Pell eligible.

# Combined Degree Programs

- **Increase access** to master's and professional degree programs for current UB students.
- **Improve affordability** by accelerating the completion of both undergraduate and graduate studies.
- **Increase enrollment** in undergraduate liberal arts degrees as well as master's degree programs.





# Outcomes

- Created **more than 45 new** combined degree programs.
  - 3+2 and 4+1 Bachelor's/Master's combined degree programs.
  - 3+2 or 3+3 or 3+4 Professional Partnership Programs.
- Increased enrollment in combined degree programs from **750 in Fall 2019** to more than **1,750 in Fall 2024**.



# Bachelor's/Master's Combined Degree Programs

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- Combined degree programs offer a condensed format, accelerating the completion of both undergraduate and graduate education.
  - Occupational Therapy BS/MS allows students to enter the field as occupational therapists in five years and is supported by accreditation standards for licensing in the field.
  - UB offers seven combined MBA options that take five years.
  - UB Teach offers an accelerated path from 17 undergraduate liberal arts majors to a New York State professional teaching certification within five years.



# Professional Program Partnerships

- Students spend less time in school and have lower overall tuition costs.
  - 3+2 Combined degree with the MSW.
  - 3+3 accelerated BA/JD offered with eight different undergraduate majors.
  - 3+4 combined degree with PharmD offered with four undergraduate majors.



# How the Programs Work

- **Combined Bachelor's/Master's**
  - Course substitution: Replace 12-15 undergraduate major or elective credits with graduate credits.
  - Junior year admissions: After coursework and/or program level GPS requirements have been met.
  - Some programs have the option of first year or transfer admissions.
- **Professional Partnerships**
  - Begin professional degree after junior year, with the first year of the professional degree counting towards the undergraduate major.
  - Junior year admissions: through an application process.



# Important Considerations

- Leadership support.
- Tuition structure.
- Student feasibility.
- Advising.
- Pathway conversion rates.
- Partner institutions.





# QUESTIONS?

