

**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

Introduced by: Undergraduate Academic Council
Graduate Academic Council

Date: April 24, 2008

**COMBINED B.A. IN ECONOMICS AND M.A. IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND
POLICY**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the attached proposed adoption of a combined program with a BA in Economics and a Master of Arts in Public Affairs and Policy be approved by the University Senate.
2. That this proposal be forwarded to the Interim President George M. Philip for approval.
3. That the combined program becomes effective for students admitted to the University for Fall 2008.

Rationale:

This proposal takes advantage of natural overlap and common interests between Economics and Public Policy, and the likelihood that students will find the combined degree program advantageous for the educational goals. The combined degree programs enhance the attractiveness and benefits of our undergraduate programs by providing students with well-defined career opportunities. They have been constructed to follow the guidelines and specifications for all such combined programs. Implementation and approval of these programs will increase the range of choices offered students and complement the alternatives students already have through approved combined degree programs involving Public Policy with History and Sociology.