

Rutgers Admitted Open House
Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy
FAQs

1. Can I take Bloustein School major courses as an undeclared freshman?

- Yes. Each of the Bloustein School majors only have a few courses restricted to declared majors only. There are lots of courses available to all students that will count toward our majors. Freshman interested in a Bloustein School major should certainly take a few major courses to see if the major is one they want to pursue.

2. Is it possible to double major in a major at SAS or SEBS as well as a Bloustein School major?

- Possibly. Students are technically allowed to double major within two schools. However, it is not typically recommended, and isn't always possible, depending on the majors and their requirements. In many cases, you can major in one area and minor in the other, which is more realistic to staying on track for graduation, while becoming familiar with two paths of study.

3. If a student is an SAS or SEBS student and they declare a major through the Bloustein School, which core/general education requirements do they complete?

- Joint-degree students are those whose primary school is SAS or SEBS, but they have declared a major through the Bloustein School. These students will complete the major through the Bloustein School, but will complete their primary school's core/general education requirements, as well as follow their primary school's policies and procedures.

4. As a student in a Rutgers professional school (i.e. Pharmacy, Engineering, Nursing), is it possible to double major in a Bloustein School program?

- Possibly. Students will need to check with their primary professional school on their secondary major policy. If the school allows students to hold a second major in another school, students are able to apply to a Bloustein School major as a joint-degree student. Students considering a secondary major on top of their professional program should contact their primary advisor to discuss their degree plan and whether there is reasonable room in their plan to take on another major. Another option would be to pursue a Bloustein School minor with the professional school major.

5. For the public health major, what is the transition from the undergraduate public health program to the graduate public health (Master of Public Health, MPH) program like?

- This is a great question to ask the School of Public Health, which houses the Master in Public Health program - <https://sph.rutgers.edu/admissions/contact-admissions.html>.

- 6. If I'm interested in the physician's assistant program or another health professional program, should I major in biology, exercise science, or public health? I want to major in something in which I can get a good job in case I decide not to go on to PA (or other professional health) school.**
- The Public Health and Health Administration majors within the Bloustein School include many students on a secondary pre-health professional track. Both offer students some flexibility to complete any prerequisite courses they need for their post-baccalaureate studies. We recommend contacting the Health Professions Office (<https://hpo.rutgers.edu/>) for advice on which majors, if any, are preferred by clinical and allied health programs.
- 7. I have been admitted to SAS and recently decided to major in a Bloustein School major. Do I need to apply to the Bloustein School?**
- SAS students are able to pursue a Bloustein School major as a joint-degree student (<https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/sas-sebs/>). Once a student completes the prerequisites for the Bloustein School major, they can apply to the joint-degree program. SEBS students can pursue a Bloustein School public health major as a joint-degree student and can apply to the program once they complete the major's prerequisites.
- 8. If I want to minor in something within the Bloustein School, what options do I have?**
- The Bloustein School offers 8 different minor programs, which can be found here: <https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/minors/>. There is a corresponding minor for each of our 5 majors, as well as 3 additional related minors. The Bloustein School also offers 5 undergraduate certificate programs (<https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-certificates/>), most of which are open to any Rutgers New Brunswick student.
- 9. Where can I find information regarding job opportunities for students graduating with a Bloustein School major?**
- For information regarding job opportunities, as well as internship opportunities, we recommend you check out [Rutgers Career Exploration & Success](#). On their website, you can view career opportunities for each of the Bloustein School majors [here](#).
- 10. I am currently enrolled in a NJ community college and was accepted to the Bloustein School as a direct admit major. How can I get a credit evaluation from the school to see what will transfer?**
- Once a student is admitted to the Bloustein School, they will receive a transfer evaluation within 10 business days.

11. How long does it take to complete the accelerated BA or BS/Master in Public Health (MPH) program?

- Students can take up to 18 credits of Master of Public Health coursework as an undergraduate student. However, the length of time it takes to complete the accelerated program differs by student. The School of Public Health advises students to prepare for an additional 3-5 semesters after earning a bachelor's degree. For more information regarding the Master of Public Health (MPH) program, be sure to contact the School of Public Health - <https://sph.rutgers.edu/>.

12. Are the Bloustein School majors Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees?

- The Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, and Urban Planning & Design majors are all Bachelor of Science degrees. The Planning & Public Policy major is a Bachelor of Arts degree and requires completion of a minor or second major.

13. What campus is the Bloustein School located on?

- The Bloustein School is located in the Civic Square Building in downtown New Brunswick, which is part of the College Avenue campus. There is a Rutgers bus stop about a block from our building. <https://bloustein.rutgers.edu/about-us/location/>

14. What is the job outlook for Bloustein School majors?

- Students can find information on many occupations through the [Occupational Handbook via the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). This site includes median earnings, education level needed, and job outlook.

15. As a transfer student, I have been admitted to both the Bloustein School for Public Health and to SAS for another major. Do I have to only study public health or do I have to do a joint major with SAS?

- If you have been admitted to multiple schools at Rutgers, you must choose which school you want to accept. This school will be your primary school and will determine your options. If you choose the Bloustein School as your primary school, you must choose one of the Bloustein School majors as your primary major. It is possible to major or minor in a secondary program in SAS or SEBS, but you must keep a primary Bloustein major to graduate. If you choose SAS as your primary school, you can choose one of the Bloustein School majors as your primary major through the joint-degree program, or you can choose another major offered through SAS.