Process for Students Who Want to Pursue More than One Degree

The following are options where a student pursuing more than one degree program is allowed:

Option 1: Doctoral students in programs that want/need to receive a master’s degree within the same major. Student would complete full requirements of both degrees. Permission for this would be granted most often at the program level.

Option 2: Doctoral students who wish to pursue a master’s degree in another major. Students would complete the full requirements of both degrees. Permission for this would be granted by both programs on a student-by-student case.

Option 3: PhD in Philosophy requires a master’s degree in another discipline - New programs of his type require approval through the proper channels.

Option 4: Dual masters programs - New programs of this type require approval through the proper channels. (example: MLP/MAR)

Option 5: Dual bachelor/master’s programs - New programs of this type require approval through the proper channels. (example: Professional Program in Accounting (BBA/MS))

Admissions:

Option 1: The student is admitted into the primary degree program at the time of admission and is added to the secondary degree program by petition to the Office of Graduate Studies after the student starts the program.

Option 2: The student is admitted into the primary degree program at the time of admission and is added to the secondary degree program by petition to the Office of Graduate Studies after the student starts the program.

Option 3: The student is admitted into the primary degree program at the time of admission (???) and is added to the secondary degree program by petition to the Office of Graduate Studies after the student starts the program.

Option 4: The student is admitted into the primary degree program at the time of admission (???) and is added to the secondary degree program by petition to the Office of Graduate Studies after the student starts the program.

Option 5: The student is admitted as an undergraduate only student. Early in the undergraduate program, the student applies for the dual bachelor/master’s program and is admitted to it by the undergraduate program. The undergraduate program applies to proper undergraduate option code to the undergraduate program only at that time. Once the student has completed the required number of undergraduate hours for the dual bachelor/master’s program, the graduate portion of the dual bachelor/master’s program contacts the Office of Graduate Studies to ask that the student be admitted to the graduate portion of the program. The graduate portion becomes the primary degree and the undergraduate portion moves to the secondary degree program.
Graduation:

Option 1: Students could complete the master’s degree before the doctoral degree or at the same time as the doctoral degree.

Option 2: Students could complete the master’s degree before the doctoral degree, at the same time as the doctoral degree, or after the doctoral degree.

Option 3: Students could complete the master’s degree before the doctoral degree or at the same time as the doctoral degree.

Option 4: Students must complete both degrees at the same time because the two degrees together have requirements that count for both degrees.

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Office of Graduate Studies:

- Each student can only have one degree plan on file unless the student has permission to pursue two degrees. In cases where students want to pursue degrees in two different majors, both programs have to give permission before the student can do it. If a student wants to discontinue pursuing two degrees, both programs must give permission.

- Students must complete a master’s degree that is recognized by the doctoral program before being allowed to pursue a 64-hours doctoral degree plan.

- The higher level degree will be listed in Compass as the primary curricula. In cases where the two degrees are the same level, the two programs must decide who will be listed as the primary curricula and who will be the secondary curricula.