**Concentration** - A subcurriculum such as a new method of inquiry or an important field of application which may be interdisciplinary and is applicable to one or more existing graduate programs. It is represented by the inclusion of graduate faculty, and consists of a coordinated set of courses in conjunction with examinations, thesis and/or dissertation, and is joined with the curriculum of one or more established graduate programs in a manner such that the requirements of the graduate program and of the concentration are met concurrently. Concentrations have significant research and teaching components and must be approved by the Graduate Council. Students ordinarily are admitted directly into a concentration, as in the School of Biological Sciences. Concentrations are listed on a student's transcript, but not on the diploma.

**Concurrent Degree Programs** - A mechanism to provide an integrated curriculum of greater breadth between two disciplines, and to allow students to graduate with two degrees in a shorter period of time than would be required if the student pursued the degrees independently of each other. They may be two Master's degrees or a PhD degree and a Master's degree. Concurrent degree programs must be approved by the Graduate Council, Systemwide committees, and the Office of the President. At this time, UCI does not have any concurrent degree programs. For 'Dual Degree' see below.

**Dual Degree** - Programs that may or may not be individually designed, may combine the features of a professional degree with the teaching and research components of a Ph.D., and may or may not accelerate the course of study leading to both degrees. Examples at UCI include the MD/PhD (Medical Scientist Program), and the MD/MBA Program. Dual degree programs require the same approval process as regular graduate programs. Students in dual degree programs must apply and be admitted to each program separately.

**Joint Degree Program** - A program offered by two or more departments, schools, or campuses and administered jointly by the faculty in participating academic units. They may or may not imply programs that run concurrently with shared curricular interests. Students applying to joint degree programs must complete the program requirements for each department. Joint degrees require approval of the Graduate Council and CCGA. UCI joint degree programs include the MD/MBA, MD/PhD, CSU/UCI EdD Program in Educational Administration and Leadership, the Tri-Campus PhD Program in Classics, and the UCI/UCSD PhD in Drama and Theatre. (Also see Intercampus Programs)

**Specialization** - A term for a program that carries less academic weight and is used more flexibly than a concentration or emphasis. It may be used to denote a program of study that enables students to focus on courses in a particular area of study without formal requirements. The term may also be used interchangeably with **Track and Focus**. Specializations, tracks, and foci do not carry any specific admission, supervision, or conferral of degree criteria, and therefore do not require approval of the Graduate Council, but they do require approval by the Chair/Dean of the School, and the faculty of the department. Catalogue and Web copy must be sent to the Council Analyst/Liaison with the Office of Graduate Studies for review and approval as well as to the Editor's office.