

Dual Degree Research Results – College Query – 3/3/09

Responses from BA, BC, ED, EN, PH

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Dual Enrollment	<p><u>USF's current definition of dual enrollment</u></p> <p>Dual Enrollment and Early Admission</p> <p>Dual enrollment is a successful acceleration mechanism that allows high school students to pursue an advanced curriculum related to their postsecondary interests. Over 32,000 students participated in Florida's dual enrollment program last year. According to the U.S. Department of Education, college credit earned prior to high school graduation reduces the average time-to-degree and increases the likelihood of graduation for students who participate in these programs. There is also evidence that dual enrollment increases academic performance and educational attainment</p>	n/a	Enrollment in two degree programs at the same time, where the programs are independent.	Enrollment in independent courses that fulfill requirements in two separate degrees that an individual is pursuing.	Dual Enrollment means pursuing two independent degrees simultaneously	(for high school students who dual enroll in undergraduate classes)
Dual Degree	<p><u>FSU's definition</u></p> <p>Dual degrees are two degrees earned simultaneously when a student is accepted by both departments/programs and is approved by appropriate deans and the Dean of Graduate Studies.</p>	We use Dual Degrees --- double counting credits towards two master's programs – we typically double count 9-12 credits and award two degrees (either	A program in which a student can earn two degrees. Ours is an AuD/PhD. The student completes more credits than if only one degree was	Individual is pursuing two degrees concurrently, with, according to catalog, no more than 9 hours that may be counted in common.	Dual Degree implies some kind of coordination between two institutions to award two degrees upon completion of some defined program	(Students can get two different degrees either within their College or in two different colleges. There is shared course work (usually 9 credits).

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	<p>The Way It Works</p> <p>A student must be admitted to one academic program initially and after the first semester, may apply and be accepted to the second degree program. There is no formal relationship between the two degree program requirements in a dual degree situation.</p>	both together or sequentially).	obtained. Some courses are “shared” by both programs, others are specific to each degree program.			
Joint Degrees	<p><u>FSU's definition</u></p> <p>Joint degree programs provide students the opportunity to earn graduate degrees from two academic programs concurrently. In addition to academic program requirements, joint degree programs provide some cross-credit of a specified number of hours from each of the two degree programs.</p> <p>This enables students who are admitted and enrolled in two programs</p>		I don't know what a joint degree would be – we have “joint programs”, administered by two departments, but there is only one degree (e.g., PhD in Psychology with a specialization in CSD was considered a	I'm not certain what this is. We have an independent interdisciplinary degree, Second Language Acquisition/Instructional Technology (SLAIT) that includes Foreign Language Education and Instructional Technology (two concentrations in the Department of Secondary Education in the College of Education) and World Languages Education (in the College of Arts and Sciences). That may meet someone's definition of a joint degree. Courses from	Joint degree implies some overlapping of two degree programs.	(? –never heard of this)

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	<p>concurrently to, in effect, “save” on the number of total hours required versus those required when completing the two degree separately.</p> <p>The Way it Works</p> <p>The development and initial approval of all joint degree programs resides with the program faculty in the specific schools and colleges involved. Applicants must complete an application to the Office of Graduate Admissions and must be admitted to each academic program separately, meeting all of the admission requirements for the program, such as applicable entrance exams (e.g., GRE, GMAT, LSAT).</p>		joint program)	three disciplines in two colleges are taken, and faculty in the two departments (three disciplines) contribute to the program and serve as dissertation advisors and committee members.		
Do you have any programs that fit any of these categories?		We complete dual degrees between the MBA and other programs: MIS, MAN/LOE, MKTG and from other colleges.	AuD/PhD dual degree program Joint PhD degree program with CSD and Psychology	SLAIT may be a joint program.	EE has a Joint MS program with Physics, a joint MS program with Industrial Engineering, and a Dual Ph.D. program with the University of Seville in Spain.	Yes – The College of Public Health has many dual degree programs; those with the most students are with Anthropology, Social Work and Nursing. A complete list can be found at: http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/dualdegrees.html
If yes, is it still viable?			<p>a. Is very viable and growing</p> <p>b. Still has a few students, less viable since CSD began its own PhD program</p>	This program (SLAIT) is an independent, free-standing doctoral program. It is highly ranked in terms of faculty scholarly productivity. The program draws an international applicant pool that is highly competitive. Graduates of the program assume	Our Joint program with IE is active and students get a MSEE from our department and a Certificate from IE. The Program with the university in	Yes – these are active programs.

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				<p>excellent faculty positions throughout the world and in the practice community. The program is currently struggling with the loss of a few high profile faculty in each college, and a search for a senior faculty member to assume program coordination responsibilities that is in its third year. A memorandum of agreement was recently signed between both colleges to try to ensure communication and record keeping so that student progress can be monitored successfully.</p>	<p>Spain is active. The Joint degree program with Physics has been inactive for at least ten years.</p>	
What degrees are awarded (one degree or two, which ones?)			<p>AuD degree and PhD degree</p>	<p>A single degree is awarded for the SLAIT program.</p> <p>With regard to a dual degree, it would seem, given the definition, that two degrees would be awarded. I have seen that at another university, which happened to be an AAU institution.</p>	<p>The program with Seville awards a Ph.D. from each university upon completion of all requirements at both universities.</p>	<p>See web site above. Usually it is an MPH with either an MA or PhD in Anthropology or an MSW Social Work. With Nursing it is an MPH with an MS. We have had a few students who get two different degrees within the College – such as an MHA and an MPH.</p>
What requirements overlap both programs?		<p>We use the dual degree form available on the Grad School website to gain approval for the dual degree; however, the form says to be sued when courses are shared between 2 programs. Sometimes we get requests</p>	<p>We have 9-credits shared by the AuD and PhD programs, as approved by the Grad Council when we requested the AuD/PhD track</p>		<p>The dissertation is the major overlapping portion.</p>	<p>With many of the dual degree programs, the students can meet their Field Experience (PHC 6945) and Special Project (PHC 6977) requirements with courses they take in their other degree program (internship and a completed thesis or dissertation). Anthropology students also can use ANG 7750 instead of the Biostatistics I (PHC 6050) core course. Students usually share at least one elective as well.</p>

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		from students, who just want to be in two programs at the same time. I am not really sure if that is an option without shared coursework. Some clarification would be helpful.				
What is the timing of the degree conferral – are they awarded simultaneously or sequentially?			The AuD is awarded prior to the PhD. The sequential nature of this track is critical to its success.	The degrees for a dual degree are awarded upon successful completion of each degree, which most typically is sequential.	Degree will be awarded simultaneously	It is our understanding that students are supposed to graduate at the same time with both degrees. If students are using a thesis or dissertation to meet one of the College’s requirements, then satisfactory completion of the thesis or dissertation is required in order for the College of Public Health degree to be awarded. Students who want to graduate with their MPH degree first must meet all the requirements of their COPH degree. This is an area that causes problems at time of certification (including problems with incomplete grades in the unfinished degree) , so we are happy that the Graduate Council is looking at these requirements and look forward to clarification of some of the rules surrounding dual degrees.
Do you have any other observations for Council to consider?				It would seem that a dual degree is really an individual student decision. If some sort of dual knowledge bases, skills, etc are desired by a student, a possibly more realistic approach might be a strong cognate outside the program area would suffice. Alternatively, an individualized interdisciplinary degree (which we have in the College of Education) might be desirable. In our case, such a degree must include three distinct disciplines which may be totally within the college or may include one or two programs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The dual degree application could be revised to include a place for students to list what courses are shared between the two programs. ○ Clarification of rules regarding how many courses can be shared. If 9 credits of course work can be shared, for example, does this include courses that are “waived” (such as field experience and special project) because they are being covered by courses taken in their other program? ○ Are changes/course substitutions allowed to the plan of study? When does a new plan of study need to be submitted? How to enforce this? ○ Clarify communication process between the two colleges, especially at time of graduation. ○ Clarification of the graduation requirements – whether it needs to be simultaneous, and if the plan was for a simultaneous graduation,

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				<p>outside the college. Our current independent SLAIT program initially began within the interdisciplinary doctoral track within the college, then evolved into the independent, stand-alone doctoral program.</p> <p>For such a “joint” program, it is necessary to have clear support from faculty and administration in participating units, with clearly understood responsibilities among staff for communication and record keeping.</p>		<p>and that plan changes, what are the rules regarding this change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are the application procedures different for students who wish to pursue a dual degree program that isn't one that has already been formally approved?