

University of Florida

DUAL DEGREE vs. JOINT DEGREE vs. DUAL ENROLLMENT

UF uses the terms “dual degree” and “joint degree” interchangeably. “Dual enrollment” refers to coursework that is transferable between high schools, community colleges, and UF. A student, for example, could have dual enrollment at UF and Sante Fe Community College.

Examples:

The faculties of the College of Medicine and the College of Business Administration have approved a dual degree culminating in both a Ph.D., awarded by the College of Medicine and an MBA awarded by the College of Business Administration. Under the dual degree program, whose purpose is to train scientists to assume responsibilities as active research managers in the biomedical sciences, a student can obtain both degrees if pursued consecutively, or 5-7 years for the two degrees. Essential criteria relating to the joint degree program are as follows:

1. Candidates for the joint program must follow the admission procedures and be accepted by both colleges. They must meet the entrance requirements for both colleges with the exception of the prior work requirement of the College of Business Administration. This requirement is waived after satisfactory completion of the first year in the College of Medicine. Students are required to take both the GRE and GMAT exams. Students admitted into the joint program will spend their first year classified as IDP students and will be given a deferred admission into the MBA program starting in the Fall of their second year. Deferred admission will be contingent on their successful completion of the first year of the IDP. After final admission to the MBA program their college classification will be changed to "CD" (concurrent degree) with an appropriate major/track code to be assigned by the Registrar's Office. Should a student in either program decide they want to enter the joint program, both colleges must be informed by the student at the time of application to the second program.
2. The joint degree program is not open to students who have already earned one of the degrees. Students not admitted to the joint Ph.D./MBA program may still be admitted to either the MBA or the IDP (Ph.D.) program by the respective college.
3. Admission to the second program is required no later than the end of the penultimate year of one degree of the joint degree program.
4. A student must satisfy the curriculum requirements for each degree before either degree is awarded. Thus, the student will receive the MBA and the Ph.D. simultaneously. The MBA will not be awarded until the students have finished the Ph.D. and vice versa, unless s/he has satisfied to requirements of one of the degrees as if s/he had not been a joint degree candidate.
5. A student enrolled in the joint degree program must spend the first year in the College of Medicine IDP program.

6. The number of credits required for the two degrees is 114, 36 for the MBA and 78 for the Ph.D. This represents a reduction of 12 hours in each program.
7. Students in the joint program will be eligible for the stipends given in the College of Medicine for all but the second (College of Business Administration) year of the program, with the first year's stipend being a revocable loan that would be forgiven when the students are awarded the Ph.D.

The faculties of the College of Law and the College of Medicine have approved a joint degree program culminating in both a Juris Doctor degree, awarded by the College of Law, and a Master of Science degree, awarded by the College of Medicine. Under the joint degree program, a student can obtain both degrees in approximately one year less than it would take to obtain both degrees if pursued consecutively. Essential criteria relating to the joint degree program are as follows:

1. Candidates for the program must meet the entrance requirements for and be accepted by both colleges. Both colleges must be informed by the student at the time of application to the second program, that he/she intends to pursue the joint degree program.
2. The joint degree program is not open to students who have already earned one of the degrees.
3. Admission to the second program is required no later than the end of the penultimate year of one degree of the joint degree program.

A student must satisfy the curriculum requirements for each degree before either degree is awarded. The Graduate Division of the College of Medicine will allow 12 credits of appropriate law courses to be credited toward both M.S. and J.D. degrees. The 12 credits selected from the law curriculum must be approved by the Director of the Master's Programs, upon the recommendation of the student's graduate supervisory committee. Reciprocally, law students may receive toward the satisfaction of the J.D. degree, not more than 12 semester credits for courses taken in the graduate curriculum of the College of Medicine. Two of these courses, not more than a total of 6 semester credits, will be treated as the two graduate courses ordinarily allowed to be taken outside of the College of Law for credit toward Law School graduation.

A student enrolled in the joint degree program may spend the first year in either the College of Law or the College of Medicine. Students admitted to one college but electing to spend the first academic year in the other college under the joint degree program may enter the second college thereafter without once again qualifying for admission so long as they have notified the second college before the end of the first week of the first semester in the joint degree program and are in good academic standing when the studies commence in the second college. Students must carry the minimum number of credits required by either college.

College of Medicine courses which are to be credited toward the J.D. degree must carry a grade of A-B or higher and will not be counted in the College of Law grade point average. College of Law courses which are to be credited toward the M.S. degree must

carry a grade of A-C or higher and will not be counted in the grade point average at the College of Medicine.

Students enrolled in the joint degree program must complete the College of Law's advanced writing requirement. The master's thesis in Medical Science will not satisfy the advanced writing requirement of the College of Law.

A student enrolled in the joint degree program will not receive either degree until he/she has satisfied all of the requirements for both degrees, or until he/she has satisfied the requirements of one of the degrees as if he/she had not been a joint degree candidate.

Students who enroll in the joint degree program, but do not complete the program may receive credit toward the College of Law degree under the graduate level course option for a maximum of two courses, not to exceed 6 semester credits, taken from the graduate curriculum of the College of Medicine. Although the grade is not computed in the student's grade point average, a grade of A-B or higher must be earned to receive hours for the course(s).

Students who enroll in the joint degree program but do not complete the program may receive credit toward the MS degree for a minimum of two courses not exceeding 8 semester credits taken from the curriculum of the College of Law. Although the grade is not computed in the student's grade point average, a grade of A-C or higher must be earned to receive credit hours for the course(s).

Students in the joint program will be eligible for the graduate research assistantships in the College of Medicine on the same basis as other Master's degree students, subject to the guidelines and restrictions set by the College of Medicine.

The student's program must be approved by both the student's graduate supervisory committee in the College of Medicine and the Student Affairs liaison in the College of Law. To facilitate student progress in the joint program, it is proposed that to the fullest extent possible, given the availability and consent of appropriate law faculty, the student's graduate supervisory committee be comprised of two graduate faculty members and one law faculty member.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual Enrollment Credit

For more information, refer to the complete regulations for [transfer credit](#).

In general, students may transfer up to 60 credit hours from community colleges as part of the hours needed for their UF degrees, regardless when these hours are earned, but subject to university and college degree requirements. It is the prerogative of the student's college to determine how transfer credit satisfies the specific degree's course requirements.

Students are required to submit to the Office of Admissions final official transcripts from all institutions attended before or during their enrollment at UF.

Credit from Florida public community colleges and state universities: Courses from Florida public community colleges and State University System schools generally adhere to the [Statewide Course Numbering System](#). If the prefix (first three letters) and the last three digits of the course number are the same, the courses are considered equivalent.

Equivalent courses will generally fulfill the same requirements (e.g., general education) that the UF course fulfills. However, whether a course fulfills the [writing and math requirements](#) is determined by specific criteria, not course number equivalency.

Courses from private or out-of-state institutions: College credit from private or out-of-state institutions earned through a dual-enrollment program will not transfer to UF if the course(s) completed through dual enrollment were used to meet high school graduation requirements. In order for the credit to be eligible for transfer to the university, students must provide a letter from their high school stating that the courses they completed through dual enrollment were not used to fulfill secondary graduation requirements.

Courses taken at private and out-of-state institutions need to be evaluated by the student's college to determine if they will fulfill specific requirements.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY

UF students wishing to dual enroll at Santa Fe Community College must petition for dual enrollment credit. Guidelines for dual enrollment have been established and are detailed in the University catalog. Further clarification of these guidelines and their application follows.

UF students generally are not permitted to dual enroll in courses which are offered at UF. Under this established rule, the only acceptable dual enrollment courses would, perhaps, be some courses in certain vocational areas.

For exceptional reasons, dual enrollment for courses offered by UF may be permitted in cases such as:

- That particular course is not offered at UF in the semester in which the student must complete the requirement
- The student works during the day (must be documented) and the course is offered during the evenings at SFCC
- The student completed previous courses in a series at SFCC

Unacceptable reasons for requesting dual enrollment include, but not limited to:

- Afraid the course may be too difficult at UF and wants to protect GPA
- Do not like the size of the class at UF

- Wants to save money by taking the course at SFCC
- SFCC is closer to where the student lives

The Dual Enrollment Application form is available at the ECE Student Services Office, 230 Larsen.

CONCENTRATIONS

UF describes the distinctions between this term and other terms by stating the following at <http://www.aa.ufl.edu/approval/resources/definitions.html>

Definitions concerning developing, monitoring and closing academic programs

Disciplinary Programs

- One program offered through one department within a college;
- One program offered through one department from two colleges;
- Several programs offered from one department;
- One program offered through several departments with Graduate Council approved concentrations (e.g. marketing concentration and finance concentration are offered through departments of the same name under the program in business administration).

Interdisciplinary Programs

- One program offered through several departments from one or more colleges (e.g. audiology, plant cellular and molecular biology, interdisciplinary ecology, biomedical engineering).

Internally Approved Graduate Programs

- Concentrations
- Interdisciplinary Concentrations
- Certificate
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Concentrations

- Requires Graduate Council approval; a Board of Trustees and/or Board of Governors approved program may offer one or more concentrations within the program.
- Concentrations appear on students' transcripts (e.g. "Major in Business Administration with concentration in Finance") but do not appear on the diploma.

Interdisciplinary Concentrations

- Requires Graduate Council approval;
- A concentration offered through more than one program that would be shown on students' transcripts, e.g.:

- Hydrology: Offered through nine programs/departments across three colleges;
- Women's and Gender Studies: Offered through four programs within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and

- Imaging Science and Technology (IST): Offered through eight programs across three colleges.

Certificate

Graduate departments may offer a graduate certificate with a graduate degree. The certificate will not show on students' transcripts. Certificates signed by the Dean of the Graduate School require Graduate Council approval. Colleges and departments may award their own certificates without Graduate Council approval.

Joint-Degree Programs

This is a course of study leading to a graduate degree and a professional degree (JD, MD, DDS, PharmD, DVM). Normally 12 credits of professional courses are counted toward the graduate degree and 12 credits of graduate courses are counted toward the professional degree. Individual departments will determine whether or not a joint degree program is appropriate. Joint programs established prior to Jan. 1, 2003 may have other requirements. New programs following these standards do not require Graduate Council approval.

Combined-Degree Program

These are combined bachelor's/master's programs of study which allow an undergraduate student to take graduate level courses prior to completion of the bachelor's degree and to count 12 graduate credits toward both degrees. Students admitted into a combined program normally have at least a 3.2 GPA and a score of at least 1100 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE. Departments may establish higher standards. Individual departments will determine whether or not a combined degree program is appropriate. Combined degree programs established prior to Jan. 1, 2003 may have other requirements. New programs following these minimum standards for admission and graduate credits do not require Graduate Council approval.

More Information:

[Resources](#)

- [Approvals processes](#),
- [Definitions](#),
- [Forms](#)
- [Approval Tracking](#) (must have UF GatorLink to access)

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