

**3341-3-74 Master's degree – Dual Master's Degrees - Graduate.**

Applicability	All University Units – Graduate Students
Responsible Unit	Office of the Provost
Policy Administrator	Graduate College

**(A) Policy Statement and Purpose**

This describes the policies associated with completing dual Master's degrees at BGSU.

**(B) Policy Scope****(1) Requirements for Dual Master's Degrees**

- (a) A student may design a program of study incorporating two related fields leading to the simultaneous award of two master's degrees. The purpose of the student's program must be directed to developing competencies in two collateral fields of inquiry or to building an interdisciplinary specialization that integrates the knowledge and analytical skills of the two disciplines.

**(2) Requesting dual Master's degrees:**

A student must be admitted to two Master's degrees before applying for dual Master's status. Dual Master's status must be requested by the student and approved by both programs and the Graduate College. The application for dual Master's status must include the student's rationale and the proposed curriculum to be followed. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, to ensure the integrative nature of the two degrees.

(a) Course Credits:

In addition to completing the basic core requirements for both programs, students can share up to 9 course credits between programs (if academically appropriate and approved by both programs).

(b) Culminating Experience:

To demonstrate a capacity for an effective integration of the two fields, the student must complete a shared culminating experience with content drawn from both programs (e.g., thesis, comprehensive exam, etc.). Committee members assessing the culminating experience must be drawn from both programs. The maximum amount of shared culminating experience credits is 6.

(c) Total Credits:

Including any allowed shared credits, a student must meet the total minimum credit and curricular requirements of both Master's degrees.

(d) Limitations:

A minimum of 18 credits must be completed at 6000-level for each Master's program. If a 6000-level course is shared, it can be then counted toward both programs' 18 credit minimum. Time-to-degree rules apply for all courses.

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