



Petition for Program/Degree Objective Change

Use this form if a student wishes to maintain their current degree objective, but change to a different program within the same school or college. This form may also be used if a student wants to remain in the same program, but change to a lower-level degree objective (e.g., Ph.D. to M.A.) or a different admission term. Please see page 2 for additional instructions.

Student's Full Name (Last, First, Middle) _____ Student UID Number _____ Today's Date _____

Student's UMD Email Address _____ @umd.edu _____ Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

By signing here, I understand that my academic eligibility for admission to the desired program depends on a full review by that academic program. If I am on F-1/J-1 status, I must meet with International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) prior to the change. Additionally, I understand that I am subject to the policies of the Graduate School and the requested program.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

DEPARTING PROGRAM: By signing below, I approve this student to depart their current program

Departing Program and Degree Objective _____ Initial Admission Term and Year _____

Program Director Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Phone Extension _____ UMD Email Address _____ @umd.edu

RECEIVING PROGRAM: By signing below, I approve this student to enroll in this program

Receiving Program and Degree Objective _____ Effective Term _____ Effective Year _____

Program Director Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Phone Extension _____ UMD Email Address _____ @umd.edu

Required for F1 or J1 International Students Only:

ISSS Representative _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Phone Extension _____ UMD Email Address _____ @umd.edu

Graduate School Approval:

Graduate School Approver _____ Signature _____ Date _____ Approval _____ Denial: _____

Please submit this form electronically to gradschool@umd.edu or mail to the Graduate School, 7809 Regents Drive, College Park, MD 20740

Petition for Program/Degree Objective Change Instructions

1. The petition must be submitted to the Graduate School with all the signatures obtained in the order they appear on this form (student, departing program, receiving program, and ISSS if required).
2. Program/Degree Objective changes for the current term must be received prior to the last day of schedule adjustment.
3. Program/Degree Objective changes for a future term will be process at the conclusion of the current term.
4. The petition can be used for all terms (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer).
5. The current program GPA must be 3.0 or greater, otherwise the student will need Graduate School approval and a letter of justification and plan of study from the receiving program.
6. This petition is to be used ONE TIME ONLY in the student's UMD graduate school career. The student will have to go through the application process to make subsequent changes.
7. The student's Graduate School program termination date will be reset. This is separate from the termination dates for other requirements such as I-20 or fellowship funding.
8. The petition can only be used for certain degree objective changes:

What should I do?	Current Program:			
Receiving Program:	Certificate	Professional Master's	Master's	Doctorate
Certificate	<div style="position: absolute; top: 50%; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, -50%); font-weight: bold;">Use this form</div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 50%; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, -50%); font-weight: bold; color: white;">Submit a new application</div>			
Professional Master's				
Master's				
Doctorate				