



Individual Dual Master's Degree Plan of Study

Student Signature: _____

Admission Term/Year:_____

Total credits applied to degree two:_____

Director of Graduate Studies (print and sign)
Date

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Individual Dual Master's Programs Policies & Instructions

INDIVIDUAL DUAL MASTER'S PROGRAMS POLICIES

- **Academic Standing:** The student must be in good academic standing.
- **Program Agreement & Term System:** Both graduate departments/programs must agree to the dual-degree enrollment, and both degree programs must operate on the same term system (e.g., both on 15-week semesters or both on 12-week terms).
- **Unique Credits Requirement:** When combining two Master's degree programs, no fewer than 12 unique credits (for thesis option degrees) or 18 unique credits (for non-thesis option degrees) must be completed in each degree program.
- **Double-Counting Limits:** No more than one-quarter of the total credit hours of both programs should be double-counted for the dual program. The maximum number of credits that may be double-counted is determined by adding the minimum number of credits required for each program and dividing by four, rounding any fraction down to the nearest whole number.
- **Final Projects:** Final projects such as theses, capstones, and final papers should be preserved from both programs unless the directors of graduate studies (DGS) of each program find there is reasonable and sufficient overlap.
- **Plan of Study Approval:** A Dual Master's Plan of Study must be reviewed and approved by the DGS from each graduate program and formally approved by the Graduate School. Copies of this approved plan must be placed in the student's file in each program and in the Graduate School record.
- **GPA Calculation:** Students enrolled in dual-degree programs will receive a single overall GPA reflecting their combined performance in both programs; separate GPAs cannot be provided. Poor performance in either program will impact the student's overall GPA on their transcript

FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- List all courses required for each Master's degree, including credit hours and the term in which each course will be completed.
- Indicate which courses will double-count for the dual degree by placing a checkmark or notation in the "DC" column.
- Ensure the form is signed by the Director of Graduate Studies (or Program Director) for both participating graduate degree programs.
- Submit the completed form and Plan of Study to The Graduate School (gradschool@umd.edu) for final review and approval.