

Joint Professional/Graduate Degree Program FORM:

The faculties of the College of _____ and the College/School/Department of _____ have approved a joint degree program culminating in both a [professional] degree, awarded by the College of _____, and a Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Education/Specialist/Engineer/Master of _____ degree, awarded by the College/School/Department of _____. 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. Admission requirements: 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 s/he intends to pursue the joint degree as soon as possible. A Change of Degree program form is submitted to the Graduate School. The joint degree program is not open to students who have already earned one degree.
2. Timing: Admission to the second program is required no later than the end of the _____ consecutive semester after beginning one degree of the joint degree program. A summer term is counted as a single semester. An exception to this requirement will be made for ___ semesters for the students in residence at the time the joint degree program is initiated.
3. Requirements: A student must satisfy the curriculum requirements for each degree before either degree is awarded. The graduate program of the College/School/Department of _____ will allow 12 credits of appropriate professional courses to be credited toward both the graduate and professional degrees. The _____ credits selected from the professional curriculum must be approved by the department (and dean, if required) upon the recommendation of the student's graduate supervisory committee.

Reciprocally, professional students may receive toward the satisfaction of the _____ degree, not more than _____ semester credits for courses taken in the graduate curriculum of the College/School/Department of _____.

Law only: 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.]

Enrollment classification: A student enrolled in the joint degree program may spend the first year in either the College of _____ or the College/School/Department of _____. 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.

Any student who participates in the joint degree program beginning in the Fall Semester must register for a course or courses in the second college no later than the beginning of the ____ semester, including the summer term as a semester. Any student who participates in the joint degree program beginning professional studies in the Spring Semester must commence study in the College/School/Department of ____ no later than the ____ semester, including summer term.

4. Eligible Grades: College/School/Department ____ courses which are to be credited toward the J.D. degree must carry a grade of “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 Ph.D./Ed.D./Specialist/Engineer/M. __ degree must carry a grade of “C” or higher and will not be counted in the grade point average at the College/School/Department of ____.

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

6. Withdrawal: Students who enroll in the joint degree program but do not complete the program may receive credit toward the graduate degree under [circumstances] or the professional degree under [circumstances]

7. Appointments: Students in the joint program will be eligible for the graduate teaching assistantships and research assistantships in the College/School/Department of ____ on the same basis as other ____ graduate students, subject to the guidelines and restrictions set by the College/School/Department of ____.

8. Supervisory Committee: To facilitate student progress in the joint program, it is proposed that to the fullest extent possible given the availability and consent of appropriate professional faculty, the student’s graduate supervisory committee be comprised of ____ graduate faculty members and ____ professional faculty member. Whether a professional faculty member serves on the supervisory committee or not, theses and dissertations will deal with a topic related to [professional] program.

9. Effective Date: The program will begin ____