

Joint Degree Programs

A joint degree program (the “Program”) is defined as a degree program involving two or more academic units. Irrespective of the origin, i.e. from discussions among faculty or initiated by administration, the Program must be presented to and approved by the full faculty of each of the academic units involved.

The final course lists, program degree titles, program administrative structure, allocations of resources and revenue sharing by involved academic units must be approved by the each of the deans of the colleges participating in the Program.

Each involved academic unit will appoint one or two faculty members to a committee (the “Committee”) to oversee the Program. Each involved academic unit will have one vote on the Committee. Heads of the involved academic units and members of the Committee will present the Program to the Graduate Studies Committee and then to the University Faculty Council for approval. After UFC approval, the program will be submitted for approval according to the process described in Appendix P of the Faculty Handbook.

Students will be admitted to a Program through Graduate Admissions with the understanding that one or more members of the Committee will serve as temporary advisors for admitted students.

The Committee, in consultation with the academic unit heads, may initiate new courses and assign instructors for such courses.

Members of the Committee shall nominate, and the provost shall appoint, a chair for the Committee who will also act as director of the Program.

The responsibility for Program administration rests with the academic units involved. This includes replacing Committee members when required. Withdrawal by an academic unit from a joint program requires approval from the academic unit head, dean and provost.

The degree will be granted by one of the academic units involved if there is consensus among them. Otherwise, the degree will be granted by the Graduate College.