Overview

Co-terminal degrees allow IIT students to simultaneously complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree (Bachelor’s degree and Master’s degree).

Co-terminal degrees provide an opportunity for students to gain greater knowledge in specialized areas while completing a smaller number of credit hours with increased scheduling flexibility than the completion of two degrees separately. Because most co-terminal degrees allow students to share course credit (a maximum of 9 credit hours), students may complete both a Bachelor’s and Master’s degree in as few as five years.

Co-terminal students maintain their undergraduate student status while completing graduate coursework, and can maintain financial aid eligibility when applicable.

Eligibility Criteria for the Co-terminal Program

To be eligible to apply for a co-terminal program, a student must meet the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at Illinois Institute of Technology
- Have at least 12 undergraduate credits left to complete in their first semester of co-terminal study. For example, if a student wishes to apply for Fall 2017 co-terminal study, he or she must have at least 12 undergraduate credits left to complete in Fall 2017.
- Have completed at least 60 or more credit hours of applicable undergraduate coursework, with a minimum of 12 credits earned at IIT
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 or 3.25/4.0, depending on the specific requirements of the co-terminal degree program
- Have not yet applied for undergraduate degree conferral (ie. graduation)

Applying to a Co-terminal Program

The co-terminal application process and admission decisions are coordinated through the IIT Office of Graduate Academic Affairs. Students can access the co-terminal admission application via the myIIT portal Undergraduate Academic Affairs channel.

Co-terminal admission application deadlines are as follows, with no exception:

- Summer admission: April 15
- Fall admission: June 15
- Spring admission: November 15

Students are encouraged to meet with co-terminal faculty advisers before applying to the program to discuss eligibility requirements, sequencing of undergraduate and graduate courses, and a tentative graduate Plan of Study.
**Academic Planning**
Co-terminal students must submit a graduate Plan of Study no later than the last day of their first semester of enrollment in the co-terminal program. The plan must be approved by the co-terminal adviser, academic department, and the Office of Graduate Academic Affairs. Co-terminal students should submit their Plan of Study using the university’s Graduate Degree Works system, located in the myIIT portal (https://my.iit.edu). Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the student’s dismissal from co-terminal study.

Co-terminal students may share up to 9 credit hours between their undergraduate and graduate degree programs; however, please consult your program’s approved G802 New Co-Terminal Degree form for information on shared credit limits and specifications.

To help students understand the Plan of Study process, you can refer them to the Co-terminal Plan of Study Guide (http://web.iit.edu/gaa/co-terminal-degrees).

**Academic Standing**
Co-terminal students must complete all degree requirements within six years of their undergraduate matriculation. All graduate degree requirements must be completed within 12 months of the undergraduate degree requirements.

Co-terminal students who do not earn at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA, a 1.85 term GPA, a 2.0 major GPA, or who do not maintain satisfactory academic progress are placed on undergraduate academic probation. Co-terminal students who are placed on undergraduate academic probation will be dismissed from the co-terminal program.

Graduate academic standing review will be initiated when a co-terminal student completes nine hours of graduate or shared coursework. In order to remain in good academic standing on the graduate level, co-terminal students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 for their graduate coursework. Students who achieve a graduate cumulative GPA of less than 3.0/4.0 will be placed on graduate academic probation and may be dismissed in a future semester.

A student dismissed from co-terminal degree status may still complete the undergraduate degree following the academic rules of undergraduate study.

**Degree Conferral**
Co-terminal degrees are awarded simultaneously, and students may not receive their first degree before the requirements of the second degree are satisfied. In such cases, the conferral of the first degree will be held until the completion of the second degree.

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**Co-Terminal Course of Study**