

Graduate College Handbook –proposed changes

4.3.3 Double Degree Programs

A double degree requires fulfillment of the requirements for two graduate majors for which two differently named master's degrees and two diplomas are granted at the same time. For double degrees with a thesis or creative component, the final project (thesis or creative component) must integrate subject areas from both departments.

Several named double degree combinations are currently available at ISU:

- Master of Architecture/Master of Business Administration
- Master of Architecture/Master of Community and Regional Planning
- Master of Architecture/ Master of Design in Sustainable Environments. MAR/MDS
- Master of Architecture/Master of Urban Design. MAR/MUD
- Master of Community and Regional Planning/ Master of Design in Sustainable Environments. MCP/MDS
- Master of Community and Regional Planning/Master of Business Administration
- Master of Community and Regional Planning/Master of Urban Design MCP/MUD
- Master of Finance/Master of Business Administration
- Master of Fine Arts in Integrated Visual Arts/ Master of Design in Sustainable Environments MFA/MDS
- Master of Landscape Architecture/Master of Community and Regional Planning
- Master of Landscape Architecture/ Master of Design in Sustainable Environments. MLA/MDS
- Master of Landscape Architecture/ Master of Urban Design. MLA/MUD
- Master of Science in Apparel, Merchandising, and Design/Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Economics/Master of Finance
- Master of Science in Information Systems/Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Statistics/Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Sustainable Agriculture/Master of Community and Regional Planning

If a student outside one of the named areas is interested in an individually-developed double degree program, a written proposal for a double degree to serve those interests and needs must be submitted to the Dean of the Graduate College for review.

The requirements for all students who are interested in pursuing double degree programs are listed below.

- The interested student must obtain the “**Double Graduate Degree Request**” form and submit it to the Dean of the Graduate College for approval.

- Only **one** “[Double Graduate Degree Committee Appointment](#)” form and **one** “[Double Graduate Degree Program of Study](#)” form need to be submitted for the two degrees. Both of these are paper forms.
- For double degrees involving a thesis or creative component, there must be at least two graduate faculty members on the double degree POS committee. Such POS committees for double degrees must include co-major professors from each of the majors, and a thesis must include a third member of the graduate faculty.
- In the “Degree Sought” section of the POS form, both degrees should be typed in the space provided.
- Although specific degree programs may require more, the program of study must include at least 48 hours of non-overlapping graduate credit (24 for each major) in the two degrees, and no less than 75% of the sum of the credits from each separate degree.
- An “[Application for Graduation](#)” form will need to be submitted for each degree.
- If one or both of the degrees has a thesis or creative component, one final oral examination must be held covering the combined thesis or creative component. One thesis is submitted to satisfy the requirements of both degrees.
- If a thesis or non-thesis is combined with a coursework only degree, the thesis/non-thesis project should include information for both degrees.
- **One** “[Graduate Student Approval Form](#)” signed by the DOGE from both programs.
- All forms should show clearly that the student is enrolled in a double degree program.