

# Concurrent Graduate Degree Programs Plan of Study

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Approval of a Concurrent Degree Proposal and Integrated Study Plan ([GCAC-209](#)) requires separate approval and endorsement by the student, the home and concurrent degree program advisers where applicable, the home and concurrent degree program heads, and the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School in accordance with the Fox Graduate School's policy on concurrent degrees.

## Student endorsement signals:

- Agreement to pursue the home and concurrent degrees as described in the plan;
- Understanding that home degree funding commitments may not be applied to cover expenses related to the pursuit of the concurrent degree;
- Understanding that approval to pursue a concurrent degree does not extend or otherwise modify funding commitments made by the home degree program, the Fox Graduate School, or the University.

## Home degree adviser endorsement signals:

- Agreement that the proposed concurrent degree program is part of a well-balanced, unified and complete program of study related to the degree the student was admitted to pursue and/or supports related career goals;
- Agreement that the student is sufficiently strong to successfully pursue the additional coursework, research/scholarship/culminating experience work as described in the plan, without compromising the home degree;
- Agreement to work with the student as described in the Integrated Study Plan.

## Concurrent degree adviser endorsement signals:

- Agreement that the student is sufficiently strong to successfully pursue the additional coursework, research/scholarship/culminating experience work as described in the plan, and fully met the expectations for all students in the concurrent degree program.
- Agreement to work with the student as described in the Integrated Study Plan.

## Home degree graduate program head/DGS/PIC endorsement signals:

- Agreement that the plan is consistent with the planned home program degree requirements and standards;
- Agreement that the plan meets the requirements of the home degree program with no more than 20% of the required course credits allowed to double count between the home and concurrent degree programs (see example in Statement of Policy/Overlapping Concurrent and Home Degree Requirements).

## Concurrent degree graduate program head/DGS/PIC endorsement signals:

- Agreement that the plan is consistent with the concurrent degree program's requirements and standards;
- Agreement that the plan meets the requirements of the concurrent degree program with no more than 20% of the required course credits allowed to double count between the home and concurrent degree programs.

If approved by all parties the Concurrent Degree Proposal and Integrated Study Plan shall be filed with the Office of Graduate Enrollment Services in the Fox Graduate School and a copy maintained by both the home and concurrent degree program heads and advisers.

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| _____<br>Student (Print) | _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Date |
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| _____<br>Concurrent degree Adviser<br>approval (Print) | _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Date |
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| _____<br>Home degree Adviser<br>approval (Print) | _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Date |
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| _____<br>Concurrent degree Graduate<br>Program Head/DGS/PIC<br>approval (Print) | _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Date |
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| _____<br>Home degree Graduate<br>Program Head/ DGS/PIC<br>approval (Print) | _____<br>Signature | _____<br>Date |
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**Return all three pages of this form to your graduate program for submission to GES.**

Student name (last, first, middle initial)

Penn State 9-digit ID

Cumulative GPA

Home Degree  
*(M.A., D.Ed., etc.)*

Home Program  
*(e.g., FINAN)*

Campus  
*(e.g., UP)*

Graduation Semester  
*(e.g., FA24)*

Concurrent Degree  
*(M.A., D.Ed., etc.)*

Concurrent Program  
*(e.g., BUSAD)*

Campus  
*(e.g., WC)*

Graduation Semester  
*(e.g., FA24)*

Courses required for home program:  
Course abbreviation and number (one course per line)

Credits

Courses required for concurrent program:  
Course abbreviation and number (one course per line)

Credits

Shared courses from concurrent program  
(cannot exceed 20% of total credits required for home program)

Shared courses from home program  
(cannot exceed 20% of total credits required for concurrent program)

Total credits for home program

Total credits for concurrent program

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| Dissertation<br>or Thesis                    | Capstone<br>Course | Master's<br>Paper | Capstone<br>Project |
| Professional Doctoral Culminating Experience |                    |                   |                     |

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| Professional Doctoral Culminating Experience |                    |                   |                     |

**In the space provided detail your rationale for pursuing the concurrent degree by specifically addressing why your home degree, research, education goals, or related career goals require interdisciplinary graduate-level study so extensive that a Graduate Minor is insufficient and a concurrent degree is appropriate.**