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A formal dual degree program links two master’s degrees or a master’s program with a JD program and leads to two degrees. The Graduate Council and the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies must approve all proposals for formal dual degree programs.

There are two types of formal dual degree programs. Type one incorporates two distinct disciplines where students complete two separate sets of core courses and cross-count electives. Type two incorporates two areas of study within one discipline where students can cross-count a common set of core courses and take separate sets of electives.

Dual degrees must be pursued concurrently, not consecutively. In order to meet this requirement, students interested in pursuing a dual degree must be matriculated, pursuing coursework, in both programs for one full academic year (three quarters or two semesters). Students in a one year program must matriculate into the second program no later than the first admission term following fifty percent (50%) coursework completion of the first program.

Students should complete both degrees at the same time. However, students can receive the first degree as long as all original requirements and credits for the first degree have been met. They then have up to one year to complete the second degree (18 months for students admitted prior to winter 2017.) Students must apply for graduation for both programs.

With fully developed and approved curricula, these programs are available to graduate students who are admitted to both schools and submit the Graduate Formal Dual Degree Verification Form (http://www.du.edu/media/documents/graduates/dual_degree_form.pdf) during the program’s first term. For program details, please contact the school, college or department.