Graduate Program Definitions

The University of Denver offers a range of graduate degree and certificate programs:

**Graduate Degree Program**

A graduate degree program is a combination of courses and related activities organized under the authority of a dean, the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, Graduate Council, the Provost and the Board of Trustees for the attainment of broad educational objectives leading toward a post-baccalaureate degree.

In general, with the exception of students in the dual undergraduate-graduate program, graduate students must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university before matriculation in a graduate program. However, with approval from the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, students who have already earned a master’s degree, but not a bachelor’s degree, may in rare cases, matriculate without a bachelor’s degree.

**DU-Iliff Joint PhD Program**

The University of Denver (Colorado Seminary) and the Iliff School of Theology jointly administer a program leading to the doctor of philosophy in religious and theological studies.

Joint PhD students maintain student status and have access to resources in both co-sponsoring institutions. Students in the Joint PhD program should be referred to as “DU/Iliff Joint PhD Students” and not primarily as either Iliff or DU students.

Students in the Joint PhD program are expected to know the specific policies, procedures, and requirements for both the University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology.

**Certificate Programs**

A certificate program provides a set of learning experiences concentrated in a specific set of educational goals.

Certificate programs may grant Continuing Education Units (CEUs), or they may include non-credit offerings. Most certificates require a minimum of 18 quarter credit hours. Credit hours that have already been counted for a previous degree that has been awarded cannot count towards granting a certificate. Contact the unit for details.

**Concurrent Candidacies**

Concurrent candidacies occur when students are enrolled in two programs concurrently.

Admission and program requirements must be fulfilled for each program. There will be no reduction in the number of credit hours required for either degree.

At the time of admission, the student submits written approval from each unit allowing enrollment in two programs simultaneously.