DUAL DOCTORAL AND
MASTER'S DEGREES

Graduate students who are enrolled in a doctoral program in one
department/program may enroll concurrently for a master's degree in
a related area. Examples would be a doctoral student in PHYS enrolling
concurrently for a masters in MATH or a doctoral student in ECON
enrolling concurrently for a master's in BGMT.

The following rules govern the dual-enrollment process:

• The student must be in good academic standing.
• Both graduate departments/programs must agree to the dual-degree
  enrollment.
• The full degree requirements must be met in both programs.
• The same course cannot be applied to both programs.
• A written plan for the dual enrollment must be worked out between
  the two departments/programs regarding credits, advising, semester
  loads, etc. Copies of this plan must be placed in the student’s file in
  each program and a copy sent to the Graduate School to be included
  in the student's records here.

Once the written plan is filed with the Graduate School, the student’s
doctoral program will be designated as the primary degree and the
masters program will be designated as the secondary degree. Students
and advisors should bear in mind that our present computer system has
no way of knowing towards which degree a given course grade should be
applied for purposes of computing the GPA. Therefore, students enrolled
in dual-degree programs will only have an overall GPA, which reflects their
combined performance in the two programs. We are unable to provide
separate GPAs for the masters and doctoral components of the two
programs. Students therefore should be advised that poor performance in
their masters program would affect their overall GPA as it is calculated on
their transcript.

Existing Dual Degree Programs

Please visit our dual degree programs page (http://pdc-webapp-
lamp27.umd.edu/Catalog/public-programs.php?search=dual) to find
more information.