

University of Louisville

Multiple Degree Program Definitions

The increasing level of interdisciplinary instruction requires specific labels to identify these activities. Based on a review of University of Louisville (UofL) business practice, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) policy, and Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) policy, a set of institutional definitions was developed. The CPE academic program definitions were found to be the best representation of both SACSCOC and UofL business practices and were used to guide the development of definitions for accelerated, dual, joint, and collaborative degrees. The current list of approved multiple degree program options (as of July, 2015) are included in this document.

1. ACCELERATED DEGREES

An accelerated program refers to the use of accelerated courses, credit for prior learning, and/or other methods to allow students to complete the program in less than the usual amount of time. (CPE)

UofL business practice is in alignment with the CPE definition. Accelerated degrees are awarded to UofL students who wish to pursue a master's degree while completing their baccalaureate degree. For undergraduate students who meet all the admission requirements of the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies (SIGS), and are accepted into one of the approved accelerated programs, up to 9 hours of coursework may be taken for graduate credit which can also apply toward the baccalaureate degree. Each program will determine the additional graduate coursework needed to complete the master's degree.

The combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Biology is an example of an accelerated degree. Accelerated degrees also include any five-year degree program that results in the granting of both a bachelor's and a master's degree (B.S./Master of Engineering (MEng) degrees in Speed School). Other academic offerings such as 3+3 degrees and credit for prior learning degree completion programs also fall into this category. See the attached list of multiple degree program options for more information.

2. DUAL DEGREES

A dual degree program is a formalized path of study that allows a student to pursue two different degrees at the same time, either at the same institution or at different institutions, and possibly complete them in less time than it would take to earn them separately. The two degrees could be in the same subject or in two different subjects; they could be at the same level (for example, two bachelor's degrees) or at two different levels (for example, a bachelor's and a master's degrees). Students must meet the admission requirements for both degree programs. (CPE)

The university's business practice aligns with the CPE definition. **The Juris Doctor/Master Public Administration is an example of a UofL dual degree program. The university has two external dual degree programs with the Louisville Seminary resulting in 1) the Juris Doctor/Master in Divinity or 2) the Master in Social Work (MSSW)/Master in Divinity.**

3. JOINT DEGREES

A joint program is an academic program that is sponsored by two or more institutions leading to a single credential or degree, which is conferred by all participating institutions. None of the participating institutions delivers the entire program alone, and all participating institutions and organizations share responsibility for all aspects of the program's delivery and quality. The program is registered on the Council on Postsecondary Education's Registry of Degree Programs in an enrollment and degree-granting category for each institution participating in the joint program. (CPE)

UofL business practice aligns with the CPE definition. **The UK/UofL Joint Executive Master of Business Administration (MBA) is an example of a joint degree.**

4. COLLABORATIVE DEGREES

A collaborative program is an academic program under the sponsorship of more than one institution or organization and contains elements of resource sharing agreed upon by the partners. None of the participating institutions delivers the entire program alone, and the partnering institutions/organizations share responsibility for the program's delivery and quality. The credential awarded may indicate the collaborative nature of the program.

- *If only one institution (primary) offers the degree or credential but other institutions or organizations (secondary) provide some resources, the program at the secondary institution(s) is registered on the Council's Registry of Degree Programs in an "enrollment-only" reporting category.*
- *If the degree or credential is offered by all institutions participating in the resource-sharing arrangement but only one institution is listed on a graduate's diploma, the program is registered on the Council's Registry of Degree Programs in an enrollment- and degree-granting category for each participating institution. (CPE)*

UofL business practice aligns with the CPE definition. **The UofL/UK Ph.D. in Social Work is an example of a collaborative degree: UK grants the degree; UofL is enrollment-only.**

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

UofL also uses the term "collaborative" to describe academic partnerships with external entities. These collaborative partnerships are reflective of university commitments to offer courses or degree programs under contract (consortial agreements). The university has consortial agreements to offer courses or programs at off-site locations such as Fort Knox (U.S. Army), General Electric Appliance Park, Quality Leadership University in Panama, and the Akademie Wurth Business School in Germany. **An example of a collaborative partnership is the School of Public Health & Information Sciences agreement with the NUR Foundation to offer the Master's in Public Health (MPH) in Lahore, Pakistan.**

ACCELERATED/DUAL/JOINT/COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AS OF JULY, 2015

Accelerated/Combined Degrees	(UofL approval only)
Combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Biology	
Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in French	
Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in History	
Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Humanities	
Combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Physics	
Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Sociology	
Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Spanish	
Combined Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Women's and Gender Studies	
Fifth-Year Bachelor of Science/Master of Engineering	
Combined Bachelor of Science/Master of Science in Nursing	
Bachelor of Science/Organizational Leadership and Learning (Credit for Prior learning)	
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Credit for Prior Learning)	
MSW/Master of Science in Social Work (Credit for Prior Learning)	
Dual Degrees (2014-2015 graduate catalog)	(UofL approval only)
Dental Medicine/Master of Science	
Medicine/Master of Business Administration	
Medicine/Master of Science in Clinical Investigations	
Medicine/Master of Public Health	
Medicine/Master of Arts in Bioethics and Medical Humanities	
Applied Mathematics/Biostatistics-Decision Science	
Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Medicine	
Juris Doctor/Master of Arts in Humanities	
Juris Doctor/Master of Arts - Interdisciplinary Studies	
Juris Doctor/Master of Arts - Political Science	
Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration	
Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Social Work	
Juris Doctor/Master Urban Planning	
Juris Doctor/Master Public Administration	
Master of Arts - Pan-African Studies/Master of Science in Social Work	
Master of Arts - Public Administration/Master of Arts in Art and Art History	
Master of Arts - Women and Gender Studies/Master of Science in Social Work	
Master of Business Administration/Master of Arts	
Master of Science in Social Work/Master of Arts - Bioethics and Medical Humanities	
Master of Business Administration/Master of Engineering	
Master of Public Administration/Master of Urban Planning	
Master of Urban Planning/Master of Public Health	

Dual Degrees with external institution	(SACSCOC approval required)
Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Divinity with the Louisville Seminary	
Master of Science in Social Work/ Master of Divinity with the Louisville Seminary	
Joint Degrees	(SACSCOC approval required)
Executive Master of Business Administration with the University of Kentucky	
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with the European Business School	
Collaborative Degrees	(CPE approval required/SACSCOC Letter of notification)
Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering with Western Kentucky University (UofL degree)	
Doctoral degree in Social Work with the University of Kentucky (U.K. degree)	
Collaborative Partnerships	(SACSCOC approval required)
Akademie Wurth Business School – College of Business	
Fort Knox – College of Education & Human Development (CEHD)	
General Electric – Speed School	
NUR Foundation – School of Public Health & Information Sciences	
Owensboro Medical Health System – School of Nursing	
Quality Leadership University – College of Arts & Sciences, CEHD and Speed School	
Simmons College – A&S general education only	
Trover Clinic – School of Medicine	
CPE Commonwealth College (new – summer 2016) CEHD/Delphi Center – Online Education	