

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE PAGE**  
**PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT MASTER'S OR MASTER'S/PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY**

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT (1): \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE (1) (including C.I.P. Code): \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT (2): \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE (2) (including C.I.P. Code): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF JOINT PATHWAY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

JOINT PATHWAY DIRECTOR (print name and email):

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DEGREE TYPES:

Degree 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify J.D., M.A., M.S., M.S.W., M.B.A., etc.)

Degree 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify J.D., M.A., M.S., M.S.W., M.B.A., etc.)

**APPROVED:**

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Department/School Curriculum Committee (Degree 1)

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Department Chair/Director (Degree 1)

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Date

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College Curriculum Committee (Degree 1)

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Academic Dean (Degree 1)

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Department/School Curriculum Committee (Degree 2)

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Department Chair/Director (Degree 2)

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College Curriculum Committee (Degree 2)

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Academic Dean (Degree 2)

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Dean of The Graduate School/GPC

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VP for Faculty Development and Advancement

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Date

# **INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINT PATHWAY PROPOSALS**

## **OVERVIEW**

Joint pathways provide academically qualified students with a partially-structured path to earn master's degrees from two academic degree programs or a master's degree and a professional degree concurrently. The development and initial approval of all joint pathways resides with the program faculty in the specific departments, schools and colleges (each referred to below as a "unit") involved.

Students applying to the joint pathway must complete an application to the Office of Graduate Admissions and must be admitted to each academic degree program separately, meeting all of the admission requirements for each program, such as applicable entrance exams (e.g., GRE, GMAT, LSAT). Interested students should contact the respective academic degree programs for specific admissions requirements and programs of study.

Students completing joint pathways receive two diplomas, one for each academic degree program.

Joint pathways must have a minimum of 30 unduplicated credit hours in each graduate program. Beyond this minimum, credit hours may be shared, as long as this double-counting is determined to be justified, in the judgment of the faculty curriculum committees and academic administrators reflected on the proposal signature page.

## **PROPOSAL**

Proposals should be written in narrative format and should include the following:

1. Purpose and Justification of establishing the Joint Pathway:
  - Units must set forth both intellectual and pedagogical reasons for establishing the joint pathway, which creates a partially-structured path combining two academic degrees. For example, how would students benefit from studying the academic literature and engaging in the research and/or professional practice associated with the two disciplines simultaneously?
  - Proposals must describe the professional/employment benefits that would accrue to joint degree-pathway graduates.

2. Admission Criteria and Operating Procedures:

- The proposal must describe the admission requirements for each program and specify the timing of admission to the joint pathway. The proposal must state that in admissions decisions, each unit will assess whether applicants have the academic qualifications to complete the joint pathway.
- Units operating joint degree pathways are responsible for coding all admitted students in a timely manner, in accordance with Registrar's Office procedures. The proposal must describe the advising process for students enrolled in the joint pathway.

### 3. Curriculum:

- The proposal must provide the core requirements and available electives of each degree program and identify and justify, both intellectually and pedagogically, specific courses designated as "shared credits." (Complete and attach the "Shared Credits Worksheet.")
  - Shared credits are defined as courses above the 30-hour minimum threshold in either degree that can be counted toward completion of the other degree within the joint pathway.

Please contact The Graduate School at 644-3501 or Jennifer Buchanan, Associate VP for Faculty Development and Advancement, at 644-6876 or [jbuchanan@fsu.edu](mailto:jbuchanan@fsu.edu) if you have questions.

## Joint Master's or Master's/Professional Degree Pathway

Degree Program (1) Courses  
Total must be at least 30 credits

Degree Program (2) Courses  
Total must be at least 30 credits

Shared Credits

Total Shared Credits:

Total Credits from Degree Program 1:

Total Credits from Degree Program 2:

Total Joint Degree Credit Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Must have a minimum combined total of 60 unduplicated graduate or professional credit hours)*