

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE PAGE
PROPOSAL FOR A COMBINED BACHELOR'S/MASTER'S
PATHWAY**

COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT: _____

BACHELOR'S DEGREE: (incl. C.I.P. Code and Degree Type): _____

MASTER'S DEGREE: (incl. C.I.P. Code and Degree Type): _____

NAME OF COMBINED DEGREE PATHWAY: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

COMBINED DEGREE PATHWAY DIRECTOR (print name and email):

APPROVED:

Department/School Curriculum Committee

Date

Department Chair/Director

Date

College Curriculum Committee

Date

Academic Dean

Date

Dean of Undergraduate Studies

Date

Dean of The Graduate School

Date

VP for Faculty Development and Advancement

Date

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

COMBINED BACHELOR'S/MASTER'S PATHWAY PROPOSAL

OVERVIEW

Combined Bachelor's/Master's Pathways provide academically talented students an opportunity to complete a bachelor's and a master's degree. These partially- structured pathways allow for up to 12 graduate credit hours to be shared with, or double-counted toward, an undergraduate degree program, as long as that double-counting is considered appropriate by the faculty curriculum committees and academic administrators reflected on the proposal signature page.

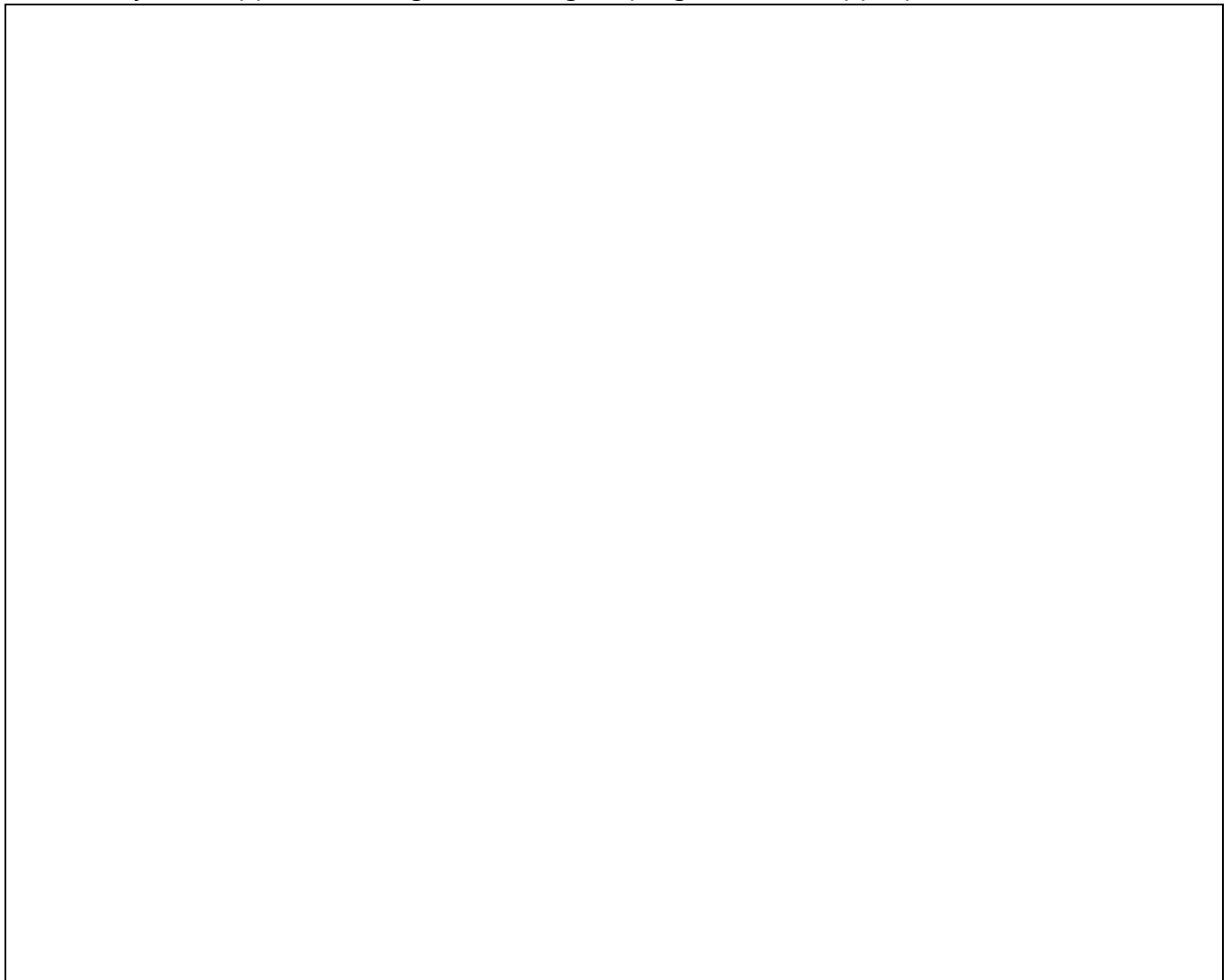
PROPOSAL

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

1. Purpose and Justification of establishing the Combined Pathway:
 - Units must set forth both intellectual and pedagogical reasons for establishing the combined degree pathway, which creates a partially-structured path combining two levels of an academic degree.
 - If the undergraduate and graduate academic degrees that are part of the pathway are in different C.I.P. codes, this justification must address the rationale for combining the two degrees in detail and must include a second set of signatures from the department or school/college offering the second degree.
 - Proposals must describe the professional/employment benefits that would accrue to combined-degree-pathway graduates.

2. Admission Criteria and Operating Procedures:

- The proposal must describe the admission requirements for and specify the timing of admission to the combined pathway.
- Admission criteria must be designed to ensure that only academically talented and motivated students who are able to master graduate work are admitted to the pathway.
- Units operating combined academic 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 combined degree pathway, including how students will be monitored to ensure that they have applied to the graduate degree program at the appropriate time.



3. Curriculum:

- Outline the proposed pathway, including the required and elective courses for both the graduate and undergraduate degree programs.
- The proposal must 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 in the graduate degree that can be counted toward completion of the undergraduate degree within the combined degree 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 if you have questions.

NOTES:

- FSU students normally apply to participate in a combined degree pathway in their junior or senior year, but may apply as early as the second semester of their sophomore year. If accepted, they should take the Graduate Record Examination in the first semester of their senior year. Students should make formal application for admission to graduate school during the last semester of their senior year, although some departments may have an earlier deadline.
- Students in a combined degree pathway must meet the standards, as outlined in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*, for undergraduates to take graduate coursework. Specifically, they must have earned a minimum 3.0 FSU GPA and carry no more than 15 credit hours per semester. As long as students have been admitted to the combined degree pathway, they will be considered pre-approved by the instructor and the dean when requesting graduate course registration from the Registrar's Office.
- The Department must indicate what grades earned in graduate course work taken at the undergraduate level can be double counted towards the student's graduate program. For instance, the Department can indicate a specific average (of not less than 3.0) or specify letter grades (A, A-, B+, B) in graduate course work taken at the undergraduate level.
- Courses to be double-counted should be at the 5000 level or above. Directed Individual Study, internships, or courses given credit-by-examination are not eligible. The credits to be double-counted will be designated as applicable to the graduate program after the student receives the bachelor's degree and matriculates in the graduate degree.

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