DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Graduate College approves proposals for dual degree programs. A dual degree allows a student to receive master’s degrees in two departments. The programs may be designed for a specific student or established by agreement between departments. For such programs, the Graduate College requires a minimum of 18 courses or 54 credit hours, including a minimum of 27 hours in each department or school. Students should consult with an adviser about options for a dual master’s degree. The Master of Library and Information Studies/Master of Arts in History of Science, Technology and Medicine program is an example of a dual degree program established by a department and the School of Library and Information Studies. Students must be admitted to both degrees before twelve hours are completed in one or the other.

Master of Library and Information Studies/Master of Arts in History of Science, Technology and Medicine (M.L.I.S./M.A.)

The purpose of this program is to provide a course of study for those individuals planning for a career in librarianship as a science librarian, as a curator of a rare book and manuscript collection in the history of science/health sciences, or as a public historian or archivist in the history of science. Students must apply to and be accepted by each department. Dual degree students work with a joint advising committee made up of members of both units. They meet the requirements for the master’s degree in each department; including the comprehensive master’s degree examination or the master’s thesis (a portfolio is a third option for the MLIS degree). Language proficiency, usually in French, German, or Latin, is required in the History of Science Department.

The total course load requirement is 18 courses or 54 credit hours (a minimum of 27 hours in each department). 29 History of Science hours are required for the non-thesis option in History of Science, Technology and Medicine. The thesis option for the M.A. requires 27 hours in the History of Science department. Students may choose to write a thesis in the History of Science Department and/or the School of Library and Information Studies if they wish. Students must simultaneously apply for graduation for both degrees. Both degrees must be completed before either is awarded.