DUAL DEGREES

General Policy

The option to pursue two degrees simultaneously enhances and broadens the education of certain students at the undergraduate level. The program is only for those students who can adequately handle the requirements for two different degrees and who can reasonably allocate the additional time and effort needed for the program. Except for specific five-year degree programs, a student may not pursue two different degree levels simultaneously.[1,2]

Requirements

- Students must petition the college dean or deans involved for permission to pursue a dual degree.
- If the student is planning to take one degree in a highly prescribed curriculum, they should register as a freshman in the appropriate school or college for that curriculum.
- It is expected that a candidate for two degrees baccalaureate will complete 32 credits beyond those required for the first degree. It is expected that a candidate for two associate degrees will complete 16 credits beyond those required for the first degree. General Education and degree requirements must be met for both degrees.
- It is expected that students will maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade-point average.
- Students can earn more than one Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, provided that each degree is in a different field. Students cannot earn more than one Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree.
- Students can earn more than one Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.), Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree, provided that each degree is in a different field.
- UNH Durham students may not pursue a dual degree offered by the College of Professional Students- Online.
- UNH College of Professional Studies (CPS) Online division students may not pursue a dual degree offered by a UNH Durham academic college.
- Students must follow the rules and policies of the academic catalog in effect at the time of their admissions into their first degree program for all university requirements. Students follow the major requirements that are in effect during the academic catalog year the student entered the major program.

Supervision

As soon as a student is accepted as a candidate for two degrees, the appropriate dean(s) will appoint supervisors for each of the proposed majors. The supervisors and the student will work out a basic course plan for the two degrees and inform the appropriate dual degree dean(s) of the plan. The supervisors will maintain joint control over the student's academic program. The deans' offices and the supervisors will receive copies of the grade reports and other records for students pursuing two degrees.

Transfer Students

Transfer students already holding a baccalaureate degree from another accredited institution may pursue an additional dissimilar baccalaureate degree at the University of New Hampshire, provided they fulfill the requirements for the dual degree listed in the undergraduate catalog. The degree received at the first institution will be accepted by the University of New Hampshire as awarded by that institution.

1 College of Professional Studies-Online students: a student may only be fully accepted to one degree program at a time. Students nearing completion of an Associate Degree within CPS-Online and who have applied to graduate, may also apply for admission to one of the College's Bachelor's Degree programs. Students nearing completion of their Bachelor's degree may apply for admission to a Graduate level or Post Baccalaureate program within CPS-Online through the existing application process.

2 Applied Bachelor of Science degree programs are considered a different degree level than other bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree programs. Students may not pursue an Applied Bachelor of Science (ABS) degree simultaneously with another Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree.