CONCURRENT DEGREES OR GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Concurrent degrees, or even graduate certificates, are regulated by Graduate School requirements and rules. There is very little overlap of credits allowed (i.e., where one course can count towards both degree codes). The Graduate School will review all degree codes for such overlap to determine graduations.

If you are considering doing a concurrent degree in another department, or are planning to take a graduate certificate, you need to coordinate with the Sociology Graduate Program Advisor. Contact the GPA either by email or in person to explain what you are incorporating into your study program.

The GPA will then adjust your Sociology Degree Audit to incorporate the additional degree or graduate certificate, and to track which courses you are using for which degree activity. Please:

- Contact the Sociology GPA
- Coordinate regarding degree or graduate certificate being added
- Each quarter going forward, send an email stating which class is going to which degree activity

RULES REGARDING OVERLAP OF CREDITS BETWEEN TWO DEGREES:

This is regulated by Graduate School Memo 35: Concurrent Degree Programs.

There are official concurrent degree programs on campus that exist outside the Sociology Department. Sociology does not have any official concurrent programs. Scroll to the section on the page for "Informal Concurrent Degree Programs", and look at "Requirements" in this section.

The rules between degrees depend on if it is between two MA programs, or a Ph.D. program and an MA program. Since we are a Ph.D. program, usually the case is going to be that the second degree someone is taking is an MA of some sorts. In this case:

- Only 12 Credits can be overlapped between degrees (count towards both degrees).
- Both programs must give approval for any overlap at all.

When you are ready to graduate either degree, it is the responsibility of the student to submit a written list of courses to the Graduate School which apply toward each respective degree. The Graduate School implements this by using highlighted transcripts showing which course is applied to which degree code (as of 5/2018). This list must be approved by both programs. The Graduate School will audit this list.

RULES REGARDING OVERLAP OF CREDITS BETWEEN A DEGREE AND A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE:

This is regulated by Graduate School Memo 43: Graduate Certificates.

Information is found in the "Review and Approval of Graduate Certificate Programs," paragraph two.

In the case of a degree student, who is also obtaining a graduate certificate:

- Only 6 Credits can be overlapped between the degree, and the Certificate. (Overlap means where a course is counted towards both the degree and the Certificate.)
- The 6 overlapping credits are limited to the ELECTIVE coursework in each program.
- Even though a certificate is not a degree, you really still need to coordinate with your Sociology Ph.D. program, and should work with the GPA to make sure the coursework being applied is clear.

When you are ready to graduate either your degree or your certificate, it is the responsibility of the student to submit a written list of courses to the Graduate School which apply toward each respective degree code, your
Sociology Ph.D. degree, and the graduate certificate. The Graduate School implements this by using highlighted transcripts showing which course is applied to which degree code (as of 5/2018). This list must be approved by both programs. The Graduate School will audit this list.

COMPLETING THREE DEGREE CODES (E.G., THE SOCIOLOGY PH.D., A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE, AND AN ADDITIONAL MA)

In the case where all departments agree to any overlap, and a student is taking 3 degree codes:

- No course can be overlapped across all three degree codes.
- The maximum overlap of any one course can only be between two of the three degree codes.
- I.e., if you are completing a Sociology Ph.D., a CSDE Certificate, and an MPH:
  - One course might be able to overlap between the Sociology Ph.D. and the CSDE Certificate, from the elective coursework (only) of either program.
  - The same course could not also be used towards the MPH.
- All overlaps must be approved between all degree codes / departments. Overlapping is not automatically permitted.
- All overlaps are limited by the same rules as stated above in the section regarding overlap between degrees, or the section regarding overlap between a degree and a graduate certificate.

When you are ready to graduate any one of your degrees or graduate certificates, it is the responsibility of the student to submit a written list of courses to the Graduate School which apply toward each respective degree code, your Sociology Ph.D. degree, another degree, or a graduate certificate. The Graduate School implements this by using highlighted transcripts showing which course is applied to which degree code (as of 5/2018). This list must be approved by all programs. The Graduate School will audit this list.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE GRADUATE PROGRAM ADVISOR.

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