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Multiple Graduate Degrees

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POLICY STATEMENT

While applicants who are not yet enrolled at the graduate-level at Augusta University may apply to more than one (1) program during the application process, a new student can matriculate initially only into a single program (primary) before they can be admitted to an additional graduate program (secondary).

Students who have matriculated into a primary program must always receive permission from their primary program and their proposed secondary graduate program (including established dual degree programs) before applying for admission to any secondary program. If either program is part of The Graduate School (TGS), the student must also receive permission from TGS before applying as well.

Students will follow the established University (and TGS, if applicable) process for obtaining permissions, applying to, and being accepted into any secondary program, including dual degree programs.

Students cannot enroll in more than two (2) degree programs simultaneously.

If an official dual degree program exists between two (2) programs, students may apply for admission to those programs only through the official dual degree process.

If an officially proposed dual degree program is in the final planning stages as determined by Academic Affairs, students cannot apply to the secondary program until the dual degree program has been finalized and approved by the University.

If no officially approved dual degree program is in place, students will be required to complete all requirements of both degree programs according to each program's approved curriculum and program standards. The student and secondary graduate program will be responsible for all aspects of completing the degree in the secondary program (curriculum, course selection, etc.).

A student enrolled in a secondary program for which there is no official dual degree must pay the regular tuitions for both the primary and secondary program.

Students enrolled in a secondary program for which there is no official degree are eligible to graduate from each degree program at the time of successful completion of each individual degree's requirements. Official dual degree programs will specify when students are eligible to graduate.

AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

Indicate all entities and persons within the Enterprise that are affected by this policy:

☒ Alumni   ☐ Faculty   ☒ Graduate Students   ☒ Health Professional Students
☐ Staff   ☐ Undergraduate Students   ☐ Vendors/Contractors   ☐ Visitors
☐ Other: Include any other stakeholders not listed above.

DEFINITIONS

Primary Program – first graduate program into which a student matriculates.

Secondary Program – second graduate program into which a student matriculates.

PROCESS & PROCEDURES
N/A

REFERENCES & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS
N/A

RELATED POLICIES
N/A

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