



TO: Council on Graduate Studies
FROM: Ryan C. Hendrickson, Dean
RE: Proposal to Eliminate Dual Degree routes
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Proposal: To eliminate all existing dual degree routes from the Graduate Catalog along with the Catalog language addressing “Requirements for Dual Master’s Degrees” and the “Requirements for Dual Master of Science Education Degrees.”

Rationale: The Second Master’s degree policy, approved by the Council on Graduate Studies on 2/18/2020, provides graduate students much greater flexibility in pursuing another master’s degree at Eastern Illinois University. A process for a Second Master’s degree route now exists that permits a much greater range of study plan options. EIU’s current dual degrees are static, and also require ongoing administrative management. The Second Master’s degree route permits more creative degree partnerships across all graduate programs, including all of the existing dual degree options. Graduate students currently enrolled in existing dual degree programs are permitted to continue their current study plans. No additional students will be admitted to dual degree options moving forward. Existing programs that will be removed from the Graduate Catalog are the following:

Business Administration + Geographic Information Sciences

Business Administration + Health Promotion

Business Administration + Cyber Security

Business Administration + Geographic Information Sciences

Technology + Sustainable Energy (now Sustainability)

Biological Sciences + Sustainable Energy (now Sustainability)

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