

Application for Ad Hoc Combined Degree

Students may pursue multiple degrees concurrently in more than one program within TGS only when the student has received permission to pursue a secondary master's degree **at the beginning** of the proposed plan of secondary study, per [TGS Policy](#). To request permission to pursue concurrent degrees outside of an existing combined degree program, students must submit this completed form to gradservices@northwestern.edu

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Student ID # _____

Primary Program, School _____

Primary Program Director of Graduate Studies name _____

Primary Program Advisor Name _____

Secondary degree program Director of Graduate Studies name _____

Anticipated quarter of PhD degree completion _____

Proposed secondary degree program of study (program and degree) _____

Anticipated start date (quarter/year) of study in secondary program _____

Anticipated quarter of completion of study in secondary program _____

Reason for Pursuing the Secondary Degree

Briefly explain the academic/intellectual rationale for the plan of study

Proposed Plan of Study

Provide a description of your plan to fulfill all published requirements (including coursework, projects theses, etc.) for each degree without double counting TGS's minimum requirement for courses.

Coursework, completed and proposed, to meet TGS minimum coursework requirements for each degree:

Course	Course Name	Anticipated quarter and year	Completed?

Student Signature

This document accurately reflects my plan for completing an ad hoc combined degree.

Student Applicant Signature

Date

Approvals

Students who wish to pursue an ad hoc combined degree must obtain:

- A statement from the **primary academic advisor** supporting the rationale for the secondary degree and confirming that the student is making acceptable progress toward the primary degree and;
- A statement from the **Director of Graduate Study (DGS) for the primary degree program** confirming that the outlined plan of study is acceptable and that the student has permission to pursue the degrees concurrently.
- A statement from the **Director of Graduate Study (DGS) for the secondary degree program** confirming that the outlined plan of study is acceptable and that the student has permission to pursue the degrees concurrently.

Primary Academic Advisor Approval

Statement of Support:

Advisor Signature

Date

Primary Program of Study DGS Approval

Statement of Support:

Primary Program DGS Signature

Date

Secondary Program of Study DGS Approval

Statement of Support:

Secondary Program DGS Signature

Date