

## Guidelines for Dual Degree Programs

A dual degree program allows students to receive a BS/MS or BA/MA in five years following a rigorous, efficient, accelerated curriculum. This highly selective group of students will enjoy close faculty mentoring and the opportunity to engage in specialized research projects with faculty. Dual degree programs are becoming increasingly popular and are highly recommended in today's market.

- 1. Rationale:** Give a summary of the intellectual and academic need for proposed dual degree program.
  - a. Give exact title of the dual degree
  - b. Discuss purpose and goals of dual degree
  - c. Describe the level of demand for the program, and what the local, regional, national and international job market.
- 2. Curriculum:**
  - a. List major division or divisions of the discipline in which the proposed undergraduate/graduate work will be offered.
  - b. Provide a detailed description of the proposed program including
    - i. Program requirements written in a manner consistent with a graduate bulletin masthead.
    - ii. Describe track(s) for dual degree.
    - iii. The proposed schedule of course offerings for the entire 5-year dual degree program.
- 3. Students:**
  - a. Estimate the number of students in the program and the pool from which they will be selected.
  - b. Describe requirements for admission to and expected retention of students in the proposed program
- 4. Administration:**
  - a. **Estimate the anticipated administrative increments imposed by dual program.**
    - i. Need for additional secretarial help.
    - ii. Need for additional office equipment and supplies
    - iii. Need for additional travel, publication costs and other funds.
  - b. **Budget** (if needed)
  - c. **Comparisons:** Compare the proposed program at the University of Miami with five high quality established programs at comparable universities.