# **Graduate Students**

# **Graduate Programs**

For a complete list of all graduate majors, please see the Degrees Offered page in this catalog.

### **Academic Opportunities**

Graduate (Post-Baccalaureate) Certificates and Post-Master's Certificates represent courses of study that constitute less than a full graduate degree and provide specialized knowledge and skills for the professional. Admission decisions and advising are provided by the departments that supervise these options. Course prerequisites may be waived if the student can present evidence of advanced career experience. Proficiency examination, transfer, and Prior Learning Assessment may not be used because of the limited number of courses required and the need for course content to logically integrate. Grade requirements that must be met for the graduate certificate to be awarded are specified by each department and are detailed in the information listed.

# **Joint Graduate Degree Policy**

A joint degree allows students to pursue two graduate degrees simultaneously while allowing some shared course hours to be applied to both degrees. As a result, students may earn two degrees in fewer hours than if they pursued the degrees separately. The degree programs should be complementary and the joint degree is expected to reflect the intellectual intersectionality between them. Otherwise, reducing the number of hours required for the two degrees could diminish the quality of each.

#### Requirements:

- Separate Admission: Candidates must be admitted to each program independently.
- Prerequisite Compliance: Candidates must fulfill all prerequisite
  requirements for each program and formally notify each program in
  writing of their intention to pursue the joint degree before initiating
  any closure processes.
- Course and Closure Completion: Candidates must successfully
  complete the courses specified in the joint degree articulation
  agreement and meet the closure requirements of each degree
  program or the joint closure requirement as defined by the
  programs.

Upon successful completion of the joint degree program, students will be awarded two separate diplomas, one for each degree.