

DUAL M.A. PROGRAMS

Students admitted to the M.A. programs in the departments of History, Religious Studies, or East Asian Languages and Civilizations may apply to complete a second M.A. in one of the other programs. Such degrees serve the needs of students who seek a truly interdisciplinary experience among intellectually affiliated departments. Such Dual M.A. degrees require students to complete a total of 42 hours for the two degrees; students must carefully choose a program of study in each department so as to select three courses in each program that may be "double-counted" toward the other degree.

You must consult with your primary advisor early in your M.A. program about whether Dual degrees are appropriate and feasible for you. It is recommended that you take at least one course from the other program during the first year of graduate studies and then consult with the other program advisor about making formal application to that program. (It is also possible to apply to both programs from the outset, making separate applications to the two departments and listing one department as the "primary" department—the one in which you will write your thesis—and the other as your "secondary" department.)

A "methods" course in each program is the only specific course requirement for the Dual degrees. The sequence of courses for both programs will be individually structured by the student's Ad Hoc Graduate Committee, which will consist of the primary advisor from each program and a third faculty member from either department with a specialization appropriate to the student's interest.

The Ad Hoc Committee will meet toward the end of each year and assess the progress of the student, determining the student's continuation in the program.

Residency requirements are the same as for a normal M.A. The time limit for the Dual degree program is four years, one year more than for a single M.A.

Dual degree programs may combine an M.A. Plan 1 (thesis track) with a Plan 2 (non-thesis track) or a Plan 2 with a Plan 2. Students may not combine a Plan 1 degree with a second Plan 1 degree. Students are, however, encouraged to select interdisciplinary thesis topics. Credits applied toward both degrees may not include thesis hours.