

# Definitions

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## Academic Degree

Degree is the title to be conferred by the University upon completion of the academic program. Some degrees include the name of the field of study (Master of Landscape Architecture, Master of Professional Accountancy); others (Master of Arts, Master of Science) do not.

## Concentration

At the graduate level, the concentration is a subprogram offered within a graduate major. Each concentration is approved by the Graduate Council. The concentration, as well as the degree and program, may appear on the student's transcript.

## Dual (Concurrent) Degrees

An applicant may apply and be admitted to more than one degree program concurrently. This requires *prior* approval of each department. If the student is approved to pursue two same-level degrees (master's or doctoral) concurrently at MSU, no more than 12 hours of coursework from one degree program may be applied toward meeting the requirements for the second degree.

## Graduate Program - Major

The graduate program is the student's major. Programs offered at Mississippi State University are approved by the Graduate Council and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. The program name appears with the degree on the student's transcript.

## Graduate Program - Minor

A minor is a current block of coursework derived from a current MSU degree program or concentration other than the major department program. If a minor is chosen, the student's graduate committee must include a Graduate Faculty member from the minor field, and the graduate coordinator from the minor field must sign approval of coursework. See requirements in the master's, educational specialist, and doctoral sections.

## Honor Code

The MSU Honor Code, effective August 1, 2007, states: "As a Mississippi State University student, I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do." The complete policy is available at: <http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu> (<http://www.honorcode.msstate.edu>).

## Interdisciplinary Program

An interdisciplinary program is offered through more than one department or college.