

DEMOGRAPHY

Degree Requirements

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-208 Dual-Title Graduate Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-208-dual-titles/>).

To qualify for a dual-title degree, students must satisfy the requirements of the graduate program in which they are enrolled, including the communication/foreign language requirements, if any. In addition, they must satisfy the minimum requirements for the dual-title in Demography described here, as established by the Demography Chair. Within this framework, final course selection is determined by students and their degree committees

Master's Degrees

For the dual-title Demography M.A./ M.S. degree, 12 course credits are required as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
DEMOG 501	Demographic Foundations	3
SOC 573	Demographic Techniques	3
Select 6 credits from among the list of approved classes available from the Demography Chair.		6

Particular courses may satisfy both the graduate primary program requirements and those of the Demography dual-title program. The thesis supervisor must be a member of the Graduate Faculty recommended by the chair or the graduate officer of the program granting the degree and a member of the Demography faculty.

Doctoral Degrees

For the dual-title Demography Ph.D. degree, a minimum of 19 credits is required as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
DEMOG 501	Demographic Foundations	3
DEMOG 590	Colloquium	1
SOC 573	Demographic Techniques	3
Select 12 credits from among the list of approved classes available from the Demography Chair.		12

Particular courses may satisfy both the graduate primary program requirements and those of the Demography dual-title program. For students entering with a master's degree from another institution, equivalent course credits may be accepted.

The qualifying examination committee for the dual-title Ph.D. degree must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from the Demography program. Faculty members who hold appointments in both programs' Graduate Faculty may serve in a combined role.

It is preferred that students take a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both the primary program and Demography. However, in cases when students matriculate into the Demography dual-title after they have already completed the primary program qualifying exam or when the policies of the primary program preclude the inclusion

of Demography in the primary program qualifying exam, a second supplemental qualifying exam focusing on key demographic topics organized by the Demography Chair may be taken for the Demography dual title before completion of the fourth semester of graduate study, according to policy GCAC-604 and the guidelines of the dual-title program.

Dual-title graduate degree students may require an additional semester to fulfill requirements for both areas of study and, therefore, the qualifying examination may be delayed one semester beyond the normal period allowable (but not past the fourth semester, per Graduate Council Policy).

In addition to the general Graduate Council requirements for Ph.D. committees (<http://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-600/phd-dissertation-committee-formation/>), the chair and at least one additional member of the Ph.D. committee must be members of the Graduate Faculty in Demography. The Demography faculty members on the student's committee are responsible for administering an examination in demography that constitutes a portion of the comprehensive examination of the dual-title doctoral student. Students in the dual-title program are required to write and orally defend a dissertation on a topic that is approved in advance by their Ph.D. committee and reflects their original research and education in both their primary graduate program and Demography. Upon completion of the doctoral dissertation, the candidate must pass a final oral examination (the dissertation defense) to earn the Ph.D. degree. The dissertation must be accepted by the Ph.D. committee, the head of the graduate program, and the Fox Graduate School.