

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Co-Terminal Degrees (5 YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS)

(Effective: Fall 2011)

Program Description

Co-terminal degree programs at IIT allow currently enrolled undergraduate students to complete dual degrees, Bachelor's and Master's, in as few as five years. The program requires students to complete the credit hour requirements for both degrees simultaneously.* (2010-12 Undergraduate Bulletin, pages 32-35 & 41) All co-terminal degree combinations must be approved by the UGSC, the GSC, Faculty Council, full Faculty and Board of Trustees. Only combinations thus approved are governed by this document.

Current Co-Terminal Degree Options

- B.S. Physics/Master of Health Physics

Application Requirements

Academic units will decide the admission criteria based on the program and communicate the rules to the Office of Graduate Admission. General guidelines are a *minimum* undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 (unofficial IIT transcript). All other graduate application requirements (Professional statement, Letters of recommendation, Application fee, Graduate Record Examination) *are waived* for co-terminal degree applicants.

Application/Admission Procedure

Currently enrolled undergraduate students may apply as a graduate student for a co-terminal degree as early as their fourth (4th) semester of undergraduate study. In order to be eligible for consideration these students should have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25. If admitted, these students will begin taking graduate level courses in the fourth year of undergraduate study.

Admission decisions will be made by the same process as all other graduate applicants.

International Admission / I-20 Issuance

No additional I-20 will need to be issued as the student remains an undergraduate throughout the co-terminal degree process.

Credit Requirements*

- B.S. degrees require 126 – 137 credit hours for degree completion.
- M.S. degrees require a minimum of 30 credit hours for degree completion.
- Up to 9 credit hours of graduate courses may also be counted toward the B.S. degree if approved in the specific co-terminal degree combination.
- The student's primary program will be Undergraduate

Academic Probation Policy

Students who do not maintain a *combined* 3.0 GPA will not be permitted to continue in a co-terminal degree program.

Curriculum

Curriculum for each program will be determined and approved according to general university guidelines. All co-terminal degree combinations must be approved by the UGSC, the GSC, Faculty Council, full Faculty and Board of Trustees.

Financial Aid

Primary program is Undergraduate and student will be awarded as an undergraduate.

Awarding of Degree

Both degrees (Bachelor's and Master's level will be awarded simultaneously at the completion of the co-terminal degree program. The degrees cannot be awarded separately, in other words, the Master's cannot be awarded without the Bachelor's and vice versa.

Publicizing

Undergraduate & Graduate Bulletins. Website Information.

List in graduate bulletin and provide link to undergraduate bulletin for detail. List on undergraduate website and provide link to undergraduate website and the graduate website.

List in undergraduate common application and graduate application.

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