

Dual degree award detachment for the Master of Science in Library and Information Science/ Master of Arts in History

Dual Degree Students in the Archives/History program, who have completed all degree requirements for the Master of Science in Library and Information Science but not the Master of Arts in History, are able to be awarded the Master of Science degree while retaining their status as graduate students in the remaining degree program.

Dual degree award detachment is considered separate process from withdrawing from a program. Students who withdraw from a program are required to reapply to that program if they would like to complete it, but dual degree Archives/History students who petition for degree award detachment may receive each degree at separate times if they complete the degree requirements but still remain in the Dual Degree program until they have completed both degrees.

In order to satisfy the Library and Information Science degree, students must complete 33 credits in the LIS program, plus HIST 597 Historical Methods and Research, for a total of 37 credits. For the History degree, students must complete the 24 history credits, including program requirements outlined by the History Department for the degree as well as 9 core required credits in the LIS program.

The policy already in place for students who, enrolled in the Library and Information Science program, decide to pursue the dual degree still applies; that student must apply to the History program separately.

Both co-directors (advisors) must sign a form (Dual Degree Award Detachment) to agree to this detachment of the degree awards; the form must also be signed by the student's financial services officer, and filed for administrative purposes with the Registrar's office. The student is then able to petition for single degree graduation with the respective program. Petition to Graduate forms for each degree must be signed and submitted by the appropriate deadlines.

There are no financial implications for the degree award detachment.

Degree award detachment encompasses the following guidelines:

- Students enrolled in a dual degree program and have completed the requirements for one degree but not the other are eligible to petition for an degree award detachment;
- Students who detach the degree awards receive the degree for the program completed and remain enrolled in the other program under the same requirements as those required by the dual degree program (e.g., 33 credits in LIS and HIST 597; 24 credits in History including 4 for HIST 597, Collective Memory or Site of History, and a Thesis);
- Students are under the same financial guidelines regarding tuition for the Dual Degree Archives/History program whether they have detached (i.e., completed one degree's requirements and received the degree for one program) or have not;
- Students must petition for degree award detachment in order to facilitate tracking in terms of tuition and degree requirements. Students are admitted to both degree programs and are subject to dual degree requirements rather than independent degree requirements, regardless of whether they have detached the degree awards or not.