

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 Program Committee. Within this framework, final course selection is determined by students and their degree committees. All dual-title degree candidates who are in residence must enroll in DEMOG 590 for 1 credit each year in residence.

Master's Degrees

For the M.A. and M.S. degree with the Demography option, 12 course credits are required in addition to the colloquium credit or credits. A minimum of 3 credits is required in each of the following areas:

1. disciplinary perspective courses;
2. demographic methods courses (SOC 573 is required of all students);
3. seminars in demographic processes;
4. seminars in population studies.

The courses that satisfy the area requirements can be chosen from a list of approved courses maintained by the graduate program office.

Particular courses may satisfy both the graduate major program requirements and those of the Demography option. 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 Ph.D. degree with a dual-title in Demography, a minimum of 24 credits is required in addition to the colloquium credits. For students entering with a master's degree from another institution, equivalent course credits may be accepted. The following minimum number of credits is required in each curriculum category:

- 3 credits of disciplinary perspective courses;
- 6 credits of demographic methods courses;
- SOC 573 is required of all students;
- 6 credits of seminars in demographic processes;
- 3 credits of seminars in population studies;
- and 6 credits of electives.

Final course selection is determined in consultation with the Ph.D. committee.

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. There will be a single qualifying examination, containing elements of both the primary graduate degree program and Demography. 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.

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 Graduate School.