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**Subject:** RE: MA WGSS & MA JGC / MA WGSS & MPA JGC  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:24:00 PM  
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Dear Mary,

Janice Aski has reviewed your responses and asked that we follow up with the Graduate School for clarification about rules that govern dual master's degree programs. Based on our conversation with the Graduate School, it appears that the WGSS MA requirements may not be adequately fulfilled in the current dual degree proposal (and/or no explanation for any possible exception to the MA requirements is provided). Steve Fink suggests that we all meet sometime in the first two weeks of May to go over the concerns in person. (Before that, everyone will be very busy trying to wrap up the Spring semester.) At the meeting, in addition to you and representatives from ASC, we are also hoping to have a Graduate School representative and someone from JGC. Linda Hood (Steve Fink's executive assistant) will be sending out an e-mail about this in the next few days. We are looking forward to meeting with you soon to discuss the proposal.

All the best,  
Bernadette



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Dear Bernadette, Dear Janice,

The formula used for a dual degree is minimum 50% of each program's required credits, and then minimum 50% of the larger degree. This is section 6.7 of the Graduate Handbook. Because John Glenn is the larger credit load for the MPA (38 as opposed to our 30), that explains their 'extra' load. We could have opted to add more elective WGSS courses but then the 3 year window becomes unfeasible. The Grad Studies Committee in WGSS approved this balance, and Arts and Sciences has already approved a similar balance with Latin American Studies and John Glenn (we modeled our proposal on that previously approved one very closely).

Please let me know if there are any concerns, and hopefully this helps to situate the balance better for you! Thank you again!  
best,  
Mary

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On Thu, Apr 6, 2017 at 11:53 AM, Vankeerbergen, Bernadette <[vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu](mailto:vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu)> wrote:

Mary,

I think it will be useful if in your response to question 2 you address the impression of the panel that these dual degrees feel “eneven.” To the panel these very much feel like JGC degrees with some WGSS courses added on (almost like a graduate minor in WGSS added to a JGC MA/MPA rather than another WGSS master’s). In the dual credit section, the panel members were thinking they would see more of an even distribution of Public Affairs and WGSS courses rather than mostly Public Affairs courses. Notice that the Panel members are not indicating they are opposed to this. They were just surprised/wondering why it was that most of the Dual Credit hours came from JGC. I hope this helps. Janice can clarify/add a further explanation, if necessary.

Best,  
Bernadette



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Thanks, Bernadette. I'd be happy to write a longer reply, but can only do so tomorrow. I'll send it soon, thanks again!

Mary

On Apr 5, 2017 7:11 PM, "Vankeerbergen, Bernadette" <[vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu](mailto:vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu)> wrote:

Dear Mary,

No, I do not think that you need to include the responses in your proposals. (I kept the proposals in my queue in [curriculum.osu.edu](http://curriculum.osu.edu) so no changes can be included by your Dept at this point.) These questions are mostly to enable the panel to understand the whole context of the proposed dual degrees and to provide Janice Aski with the necessary information to present the proposals accurately to the whole ASC Curriculum Committee when those come up for review at that level. I am including Janice on this e-mail. She will be reviewing the answers to the three questions--so I think it is best that she let you know whether the short responses below suffice or whether further information is needed.

My best,  
Bernadette

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 5:30 PM

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Dear Bernadette,

In what form would you like the replies to these questions? Here's the short of it here: 1. All MA students have a faculty advisor in WGSS and will also in a joint program. 2. John Glenn is a different college, of course, and thus there is no rationale for more credits, just different trajectories across the colleges. And yes, 3. the Grad School provides the rule. Do you need me to somehow incorporate these answers into the proposal itself?

Thanks so much, and all best,  
Mary

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On Wed, Apr 5, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Vankeerbergen, Bernadette <[vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu](mailto:vankeerbergen.1@osu.edu)> wrote:

Dear Professor Thomas,

On Wednesday, March 29, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee considered a proposal for the following dual graduate degrees: MA WGSS

& MA JGC / MA WGSS & MPA JGC.

The Panel unanimously approved the course with three contingencies, namely:

- Where will students get advising to make sure the courses are coherently chosen in WGSS?
- Provide a rationale as to why most of the Dual Credit courses in section C are from JGC. What is the rationale for the unequal distribution of credits?
- Panel is assuming that units spoke with representatives of the Graduate School but would like clarification on how some decisions were made. For example, what is the rule that says the Dual Credit courses must equal 50% of the larger degree?

After clearing the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel, the proposal will need to go to the full ASC Curriculum Committee (and will then move on to the Graduate School). There is only one meeting of the ASC Curriculum Committee left this term (and the Committee does not meet over the Summer). To ensure that your proposal is added to the agenda of the last meeting, we encourage you to provide responses to the three questions as soon as possible. (I would suggest this week or Monday of next week at the latest.)

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Janice Aski, Chair of the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel, or me.

My best,  
Bernadette



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