Mercy College Cybersecurity Dual Degree Form

General Information
The Dual Degree Program in Cybersecurity (DDC) is a serious endeavor which requires much thought and preparation. Before submitting the Application Form for DDC (AFDDC), students should read this document and review the degree requirements.
- Students must complete at least 3 semesters at Mercy College.
- Students must have cumulative GPA of 3.0 to apply for admission to a dual degree program.
- Students must have at least 2 semesters to complete before BS degree is conferred.
- Students are responsible for consulting regularly with their advisors in Cybersecurity program.
- DDC requires five years of full-time study to acquire a Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity and the Master of Science degree in Cybersecurity.

Successful Completion of DDC
- The DDC requires completion of both BS and MS degree requirements.
  - The BS degree requirements include 120+ credits
  - The MS degree requirements include 30+ credits
- The students in DDC are allowed to take at most 4 graduate courses to meet the BS degree requirements. After completion of the BS degree, those 4 graduate courses will be used for MS degree requirements.
  - Any graduate courses taken more than 12 credits at BS degree will not be counted for the MS requirements.
- Graduation application rules, deadlines, and certification are established by the Mercy College and the School/the Program involved.
  - At the last semester before the completion of the BS degree, students in DDC must file an admission application for MS program.
- At the end of the fifth year or a minimum of 18 additional credits of Cybersecurity graduate level coursework, the MS in Cybersecurity degree will be awarded.

DDC Application Procedures
- Meet with advisors/dual degree coordinators. The advisors will assist students in understanding requirements particular to DDC
- Take an required introductory course
- Once students have reviewed the requirements articulated above, write one (typed) page statement of intent. The essay should include a specific motivation for pursuing the DDC and an explanation of why the DDC will be a worthy academic goal.
- Students may also be referred to a departmental advisor for additional advising and course approvals.
- Print and complete this application form and schedule advisor meetings.
- At the conclusion of the advising sessions student will be given the original copy of the approved AFDDC form which student should return to the DDC head. After reviewing the form, the DDC head will complete the review process and notify to the student by email or mail.
- Applications not completed within the semester of initiation may be considered invalid.

Name of Student: ___________________________________________ CWID: _______________________
(Please print)
Total non-major credits taken_________________________ Major Credit Taken________________________
Total Courses Taken at Mercy _________________ Cumulative GPA: _________ Major GPA___________
Effective term: Year ____________ Fall ____________ Spring ____________ Summer ________________

I have read and understand the above policies, regulations, and procedures. I understand my acceptance into the DDC is based upon approval by officials.

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signature of applicant date
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signature of Program Head date