

# 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 be 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.*

Approval to begin application process:

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature of Program Head

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date