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A GUIDE TO  
MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY'S  
**Dual Degree  
Programs**





## About this Guide

This guide is designed to outline and detail the various dual degree programs offered at Marymount University. This guide is a useful resource for prospective graduate students considering a dual degree path instead of pursuing one or two separate graduate degrees. We hope that this guide will give you a better understanding of the benefits that come with the completion of a dual degree program at Marymount and how pursuing such a degree can prepare you for professional advancement and success.

## About Marymount University

Marymount University is an independent, coeducational Catholic university located in Northern Virginia that was founded in 1950 by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary (RSHM). A Marymount education is grounded in the liberal arts, promotes career preparation, and provides opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Marymount also prides itself on providing a graduate education that is immediately applicable to the workplace. As a student-centered learning environment, Marymount is dedicated to the intellectual, ethical, and spiritual development of each individual.



# What is a Dual Degree Program?

A dual degree program is an academic offering that streamlines the study of two separate academic programs, allowing the student to graduate with two separate master's degrees instead of just one.

Many other universities offer programs that feature a "concentration" in a specific area, however, more times than not these programs amount to only two-to-four introductory level courses. [Dual degree programs, on the other hand, show both degrees on a student's diploma.](#) The program is formally organized by the university and typically involves a great deal of overlap to minimize time spent and the cost of completing the program.

## What is the Value of a Dual Degree Program?

A dual degree can maximize your career prospects, giving you the opportunity to not only have the skills and knowledge from one degree, but rather, you'll carry the expertise of two different industries.

Julia Kent, Director of Global Communications and Best Practices for the Council of Graduate Schools, says that dual degree programs offer "[a range of benefits to students](#), giving them a global perspective and experience" and "giving them exposure to faculty expertise or resources."





## What Makes Marymount's Dual Degree Programs Unique?

Marymount University's dual degree programs offer a "cross-pollination" of knowledge and skills from different but still highly correlated fields, allowing graduates of a dual degree programs to move easily between fields like business and IT, IT and health care, health care and business, or business and HR.


**Note:** Marymount is the only school in the Washington D.C. area that offers a dual degree in health care management and business administration.

# Dual Degree Programs Offered at Marymount

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- Cybersecurity/Business Administration [M.S./M.B.A.](#)
- Health Care Management/Business Administration [M.S./M.B.A.](#)
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# Business Administration/Human Resource Management M.B.A./M.A.

Many students interested in a career in human resources are aware that broader business issues – economics, finance, and marketing – are driving many business decisions. In addition, many M.B.A. students recognize the advantages of pursuing an industry-specific degree. In response, Marymount launched the Master of Business Administration and Human Resource Management dual degree program

This dual degree program prepares students for managing responsibilities in HR departments, while enabling them to participate effectively in company wide discussions of broader strategic issues. This degree program also prepares students for executive-level responsibilities in human resource departments by better enabling them to understand the business context within which human resource decisions are made.

Graduates of this dual degree will be able to:

- ◆ Identify and solve complex human resource problems using integrative business knowledge
- ◆ Resolve ethical human resource issues
- ◆ Effectively communicate and work with others



This dual degree can be completed in 57 credit hours. Classes are available at MU's Ballston center, and M.B.A. coursework can be completed online as well.

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# Business Administration/ Information Technology M.B.A./M.S.

Students interested in pursuing a career in business are becoming aware of the constant advancement of technology. Pursuing a dual degree in business and IT will allow students to gain the credentials necessary for roles requiring a blend of business and IT skills, which is why Marymount offers the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Information Technology dual degree.

With the IT field becoming progressively more critical to the success of a business, managers are increasingly expected to have skills in both areas. This dual degree program allows a student to gain the credentials necessary for roles requiring a blend of business and IT skills, such as senior business analyst or chief information officer. Students will be prepared for management responsibilities in the global and competitive business environment of today's IT industry.

Graduates of this dual degree will be able to:

- ◆ Identify and solve complex IT problems using technical and integrative management decision-making tools
- ◆ Employ ethical awareness
- ◆ Communicate and work effectively with others, both in technical and in business environments



This dual degree can be completed in 57 credit hours. Classes are available at MU's Ballston center, and M.B.A. coursework can be completed online as well.

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# Business Administration/ Leadership and Management M.B.A./M.S.

The Master of Business Administration and Leadership and Management dual degree program is designed to meet the needs of students who desire a strong business background in identifying emerging business problems and their principled, successful solutions with an emphasis on leadership and effective management of organizations. Upon successful completion of all dual degree requirements, students will receive both an M.B.A. and a M.S. in leadership and management. Students successfully completing both degrees will have the tools to become strategic problem solvers, prepared to impact change within an organization.

Graduates of this dual degree will be able to:

- ◆ Identify and solve complex problems internal to an institution
- ◆ Effectively manage employers' and employees' expectations
- ◆ Effectively communicate and work with others



This dual degree can be completed in 57 credit hours.

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# Cybersecurity/ Information Technology M.S./M.S.

Marymount's M.S. in Information Technology and M.S. in Cybersecurity dual degree program is designed to meet the needs of those students desiring to have a broad information technology background with a strong cybersecurity emphasis. The dual degree prepares students for technical and managerial positions where they need to be responsible for the security of a variety of technologies.

Graduates will achieve the following outcomes:

- ◆ The stability of a variety of technologies
- ◆ The ability to effectively perform in management positions
- ◆ The communication skills needed to work with others



This dual degree can be completed in 54 credit hours.

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# Cybersecurity/ Business Administration M.S./M.B.A.

The M.B.A./M.S. in cybersecurity dual-degree program is designed for students looking to meet the growing needs of today's business and government environments where cybersecurity is now a major business consideration. This dual degree will prepare students for management and executive-level positions by enabling them to understand the context of cybersecurity in business and government.

As an M.S. Cybersecurity/M.B.A. dual degree student, you will learn how to respond to the following pressing problems:

- ◆ How does our organization respond to a security breach?
- ◆ What type of investment should be made to protect our organization's systems and data?
- ◆ Is cyber-insurance necessary and, if so, how do we determine how much?
- ◆ How would we know if our supply chain is secure?



This dual degree can be completed in 57 credit hours.

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# Health Care Management/ Business Administration

## M.S./M.B.A.

In response to a demand for a degree that combines graduate study in health care management and business administration, Marymount created the Health Care Management and Master of Business Administration dual degree program. Adding an M.B.A. to your Health Care Management degree gives you a competitive edge, providing you with even more informed business skills often needed to understand the business operation side of the larger health care industry.

This dual degree program prepares students for middle- or senior-level management positions in hospitals or other health care organizations.

### Graduates will be able to:

- ◆ Identify and solve complex and integrative health care management problems
- ◆ Resolve health care issues using ethically sound decision making
- ◆ Effectively communicate and work with others



This dual degree can be completed in 60 credit hours through a highly structured program of study at MU's Ballston Center. The M.B.A. coursework in the program can be completed online as well.



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# Health Care Management Information Technology M.S./M.S.

Many students interested in graduate study in health care management know that information technology – such as electronic medical records, telemedicine, wireless technology, and robotics – plays a critical role in the health care industry. Similarly, students pursuing a degree in information technology recognize that in order to be successful in the new field of health information management, they must understand health care management. In response, Marymount offers the Health Care Management and Information Technology dual degree program.

As for the HCM and IT dual degree, being familiar with IT provides you with the tools necessary to be more technologically savvy within the health care field. You may also benefit by being eligible to pursue up-and-coming virtual and telemedicine employment opportunities.

Graduates of the program will be able to:

- ◆ Identify and solve complex and integrative health care management problems
- ◆ Apply information technology, including electronic records, in order to increase access to care and decrease health care costs, while simultaneously considering security and privacy issues that may arise
- ◆ Identify opportunities to improve efficiency and effectiveness that can be supported by information technology solutions such as data analysis and document management
- ◆ Communicate and work effectively with others, including analysts, programmers, and health care managers



This dual degree can be completed in 63 credits through a highly structured program of study at MU's Ballston Center.

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# Student Testimonial



*Meet Schylr Greggs, a student enrolled in a dual degree program at Marymount University. Schylr is slated to graduate in December 2017 with a dual degree in Health Care Management and Business Administration. Read on for some insight into Schylr's experience at Marymount.*


## **Where did you get your undergraduate degree? And what was your bachelor's in?**

 Texas A&M University, Bachelor of Nutritional Sciences.


## **What dual degree program are you enrolled in? When will you graduate?**

 MBA/Healthcare Management program, completion in December 2017.

## **Why did you choose the dual degree program path at MU?**

 It was the only dual program of its kind in the D.C. area!


## **What initially drew you to the dual degree program option?**

 Only program of its kind in the area. Often times other programs claim to have a "concentration" in a specific area, however, more times than not, it amounts to 2-4 introductory level courses only.

## **What do you hope to do with your dual degree in HCM/MBA?**

 I hope to move into a strategic role in the healthcare industry while advocating for healthcare legislative causes.

## **How do you think a dual degree program will boost your career?**

 Most professionals either obtain an MBA or a Health Care Management degree. With this type of program on my resume, it shows that I am knowledgeable of the business and clinical sides of the organization.



**Why/how do you think pursuing a dual degree in the D.C. area will be helpful in your career?**



Living in the Washington, D.C. area enables you to network with individuals across all professional walks of life. In working in D.C., you can learn the pain points/concerns of the entire health care spectrum, because they all travel here to voice their problems on a federal level.



**If you could give one piece of advice to prospective students of a dual degree program, what would it be?**



Studying for a dual degree program at Marymount will enhance your knowledge significantly more than just working to obtain a degree with concentration of "x,y,z". You will have a deeper foundation of expertise in the workplace environment that others may lack on your professional resume.



# Next Steps

The Marymount Admissions team hopes this enlightening and informative guide will provide you with the necessary resources to reference and the opportunities to consider as you prepare for the next step in your academic career

**Have a question specific to our dual degree programs? Please feel free to contact our program coordinator below.**

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