

STUDENT GUIDELINES

Use this petition to change your graduate major, degree objective, for multiple graduate majors, or for multiple degree objectives in the same major. Before you petition, seek the advice of a Graduate Advisor and the Graduate Coordinator from the program(s) involved. Complete this form and secure the required approvals below.

If you wish to change your degree objective within the same major (e.g., M.A. to Ph.D. in English) select the option CHANGE OF DEGREE OBJECTIVE. If you wish to add a degree objective from the same major (e.g. M.S. on the way to the Ph.D. in Computer Science), select the option MULTIPLE DEGREE OBJECTIVES.

If you wish to pursue degrees in multiple programs simultaneously, whether they are graduate academic programs, or if one is a professional degree program, you should select the MULTIPLE GRADUATE MAJORS option. Students approved for multiple graduate majors and/or degree objectives must complete all degree requirements, including a separate thesis, dissertation, or examination for each degree.

If you wish to change your major, you should select the option CHANGE OF GRADUATE MAJOR. Graduate students may not change their major during their first quarter of enrollment as a graduate student at UC Davis. Once you have completed your first quarter, you may request a change of graduate major.

If you have broken registration, and wish to change your graduate degree objective, change your graduate major or apply for multiple majors and/or multiple objectives, you must first submit an approved [readmission application form](#) for your original major(s)/objective(s). Readmission is at the program's discretion. They may ask you to submit selected admission materials or require you to reapply through [Graduate Admissions](#).

If you are a professional student and wish to apply for another major with an academic program or wish to change to an academic program, you must submit an [application for graduate admission](#). All Graduate Program and Graduate Studies admissions deadlines apply. If you are a graduate student and wish to apply for another major with a professional degree program, you must contact the admissions office in the professional school regarding the admission process. The petition for multiple majors is required in addition to the admission application.

It is the student's responsibility to provide supporting documents to the new program as required. An application for admission may be required in addition to the Petition for Change.

PETITION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain the endorsement signature of a Graduate Advisor and the Graduate Coordinator for your current program. If you are currently in more than one majors, you must fill out a separate petition for change for each. All programs in which you are active must approve the change. Click on your program's name on the [Programs page](#) and scroll to the People section to locate advisor and coordinator contact information. If you are requesting a CHANGE OF OBJECTIVE or MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES in the current program, the advisor and coordinator only need to sign once.
2. If you are requesting a CHANGE OF GRADUATE MAJOR or MULTIPLE GRADUATE MAJORS provide the new program with needed documents, obtain the signatures of a Graduate Advisor and the Graduate Coordinator. The form should be submitted to Graduate Studies by one of your current or new Graduate Coordinators.
3. International students changing degree objective or major must contact Services for International Students & Scholars, before beginning this process, regarding visa requirements

UC DAVIS

GRADUATE STUDIES

Petition for Change of Graduate Major, Degree Objective, Multiple Graduate Majors, or Multiple Degree Objectives

Use this form to change your graduate major, degree objective, or for multiple graduate majors and/or multiple objectives. Before making changes, consult your graduate advisor(s). Complete this form and secure the required approvals below.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student ID Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Name: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Do you intend to complete your present degree objective? Yes No If Yes, select the MULTIPLE MAJORS and/or the MULTIPLE DEGREE OBJECTIVES box.

Select Applicable Box(es): CHANGE OF MAJOR MULTIPLE MAJORS

CHANGE OF DEGREE OBJECTIVE MULTIPLE DEGREE OBJECTIVES

Select one: First Quarter Graduate Student Continuing Graduate Student

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| Present Program | | | |
| | Degree Objective; MA, MS, Ph.D., etc. | Major Code | Program Name |
| New Program | | | |
| | Degree Objective; MA, MS, Ph.D., etc. | Major Code | Program Name |

I certify that I am the above named student, and the information I have provided is accurate.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

ADVISOR ENDORSEMENT

Please note that by signing this form you are acting on behalf of your department/graduate group.

Is admission to the new degree objective contingent upon completion of the present degree objective(s)? Yes No

Present Program Graduate Advisor Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Approved Denied

Present Program Graduate Coordinator Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

New Program Graduate Advisor Name; must have admissions authority _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Approved Denied

New Program Graduate Coordinator Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To Be Completed by Graduate Studies:

Checked Duplicate/Similar Degrees Verified

Office of Graduate Studies Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____