

## Double/Multiple Degrees

### Definition

The process by which two or more awarding institutions collectively provide a jointly-delivered programme (or programmes) leading to separate awards being granted by both, or all of them.

Double/multiple degrees are a relatively new development for the University. These arrangements (e.g. PhDs or jointly taught programmes) generally operate for arrangements where a partner does not have the powers to award a degree jointly (e.g. in Russia and Switzerland) and each institution must make a separate award.

An arrangement may involve partnering with an institution where a Masters degree is taken over a 2 year period. The Student may attend at Glasgow and fulfil the requirements for a UoG Masters degree and then count the credits towards a 2 year programme at the home overseas institution. This differs from a double degree as there is no element of joint teaching or supervision involved. This is referred to as “double counting” or “reverse articulation”. A separate approval procedure for arrangements of this type has been developed.

### Common features

Double/multiple degree arrangements are often based, in whole or in part, on currently approved provision. Double degrees have common features to those of [joint degrees](#). The key differences between the two models relate to the nature of the final award and to the applicable rules and regulations. In the case of double/multiple awards students are issued with a separate award from each participating institution and the rules and regulations of the participating institution will apply to its own award, whereas students on a joint degree arrangement receive a single award from all participating institutions.

### What do you need to do?

See the guidance under [joint degrees](#).

### Stage and Level of approval

Type of double/multiple degree arrangement	Stage/Level of approval
Double awards where an agreement exists with the proposed partner(s)	Stage 2 (College)
Double awards with a new partner institution	Stage 3 (Senate)

A diagram summarising the approval process can be found [here](#).

### What is needed for approval?

The Collaborations Group will look for the same type of information as required for a [joint degree](#).

### Type of Agreement

A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) is required for double/multiple degrees which require the signature of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor or his nominee.

### **Implementation**

A specific individual should be identified as project manager to support the implementation of the collaboration and an operational plan will need to be developed for Year 1.

### **Monitoring and Review**

The same monitoring and review arrangements apply as for a [joint degree arrangement](#).

### **Issues to be considered**

A double/multiple degree arrangement will normally only be considered where it is not feasible to award a joint degree. See also the issues listed for [joint degree arrangements](#).

### **Key Contacts**

School/RI	College	University Services
Head of School/Director of RI Head of School/RI Administration	International Lead Relevant functional Dean (Graduate Studies, Learning and Teaching) Head of Academic and Student Administration College Head of Finance College HR Manager Business Development Manager (where applicable)	The Academic Collaborations Office (ACO) Planning Services Registry Marketing, Recruitment and International Office Postgraduate Research Service, VP (R&E) Office (if applicable) Director of Student Services

### **Examples**

For current examples for these types of collaborations please contact the [Academic Collaborations Office](#).

