**Dual Degree**

*Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy*

&

*Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning (UEP)*

*Graduate School of Arts & Sciences*

The dual degree programs between the School of Nutrition Science and Policy and Department of Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning (UEP) at Tufts University are meant for students interested in the connection between environmental effects of food production and supply, and who want to become active participants in policy and planning debates. Students pursuing these programs are interested in deepening their knowledge of policy analysis and planning, and understanding how food policy fits into larger public policy and planning issues, including environmental problem solving and community development. By combining two programs, the dual degree can be completed in three instead of four years. Upon completion, a student earns an MA degree in urban and environmental policy and planning from UEP and an MS degree in agriculture, food, and environment (AFE) or an MS degree in food policy and applied nutrition (FPAN) from the Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.

**Application Process**

Students interested in the dual degree must apply to both UEP and the Friedman School, but may use the same application packet (e.g., only one set of transcripts and GRE scores). Applicants must meet all application guidelines and deadlines set forth by the individual academic departments. Applications are evaluated by both departments using the same criteria that are applied to applicants of the MA degree in UEP and the MS degree in Friedman School. An applicant will be accepted into the dual program only if he/she is accepted by both departments. Applicants who are accepted into only one program can choose to enroll in the graduate degree program in that department.

A student already in one degree program who decides to pursue the dual degree must apply to the second program by the beginning of the third full-time semester of study. The application fee is waived for current Tufts graduate students, and the application process is streamlined. Current students need not submit credentials already on file, including transcripts and GRE scores. An updated personal statement addressing interest in the dual degree program should be submitted. The financial aid section of the application should be completed for students requesting a scholarship for the dual degree program, even if a scholarship was previously awarded with admission to the MS or MA program.

**Dual Degree Requirements**

Students must complete all course requirements of both degrees, plus a field internship and a thesis or capstone exam (as required by UEP). A minimum of 23 credits is required. This is 7 credits fewer than what would be required if the two degrees were pursued separately (16 for Friedman and 14 for UEP). This is possible because the two sides share some curricular requirements. Dual-degree candidates are assigned an academic advisor from each department.
**Friedman AFE Requirements (12 credits)**

1. **Core Courses (8 credits)**
   - NUTR 202 Principles of Nutrition Science
   - NUTR 207 Statistical Methods in Nutrition Research I
   - NUTR 215 Fundamentals of U.S. Agriculture
   - NUTR 233 Agricultural Science & Policy I
   - NUTR 238 Economics of Food Policy Analysis
   - NUTR 307 Regression Analysis for Nutrition Policy
   - NUTR 333 Agricultural Science & Policy II
   - NUTR 341 Economics of Agriculture and the Environment

2. **One of the Following (1 credit)**
   - NUTR 303 Determinants of US Health Policy
   - NUTR 304 Nutrition, Food Security & Development
   - EIB E243 Agriculture & Rural Development in Developing Countries

3. **Environmental Policy Course (1 credit)**

4. **Skills Course (1 credit)**

5. **Elective (1 credit)** – this can include a course offered by UEP or by other departments (students should consult with Friedman advisor)

6. **Internship (noncredit)** – an internship is required for the dual degree, consisting of 320 hours, the greater of the two requirements (regular UEP students are required of 150 hours).

**UEP Requirements (11 credits)**

1. **Core Courses (4 credits)**
   - UEP 250 Foundations of Public Policy and Planning
   - UEP 251 Economics for Planning & Policy
   - UEP 252 Cities in Space, Place and Time
   - UEP 255 Field Projects: Planning and Practice
   (*UEP 254 is waived for NUTR 207 and NUTR 307)

2. **Elective Courses (5-6 credits)**
   A UEP elective is any course with a UEP designation, even courses that are listed with other departments (e.g. AFE/UEP). A student chooses these with the approval of the UEP advisor.

3. **Internship (noncredit)** – an internship is required for the dual degree, consisting of 320 hours, the greater of the two requirements (regular UEP students are required of 150 hours).

4. **Thesis or Capstone Exam (1-2 credits)**
   The thesis requires that students conduct a research project that applies the knowledge and skills that they have developed during their course of study, while the capstone represents an exam format that tests students on their expertise in select subject areas (usually two). For additional detail on the content of the capstone/thesis requirements, please consult with the UEP office. The thesis or capstone committee for a dual degree candidate must include at least one faculty member from each department. The advisor must be from UEP.

**Total Credits: 23 Credits, plus Internship**