**Dual enrollment policy** – the language below is from the Graduate Bulletin. It is in two contiguous sections. The highlighted text is the additional new language. It will follow the text as noted.

Under certain special circumstances it is possible for a student to work on two degrees in two different departments at the same time. Students intending to do this must be accepted by both departments. A Dual Enrollment Request Form showing endorsement by both department heads and dean(s), as appropriate, must be sent to the Dean of The Graduate School for approval. Once approved, the Office of the University Registrar will be notified of the dual registration.

Note: Initial admission to a graduate program at Florida State University must be to one program only. After the first semester, the student may apply and be accepted to the second degree program desired.

Dual Degrees are two degrees earned simultaneously when a student is accepted by both a department/programs and is approved by appropriate deans and the Dean of The Graduate School. A student must be admitted to one academic program initially, and after the first semester, may apply and be accepted to the second degree program. There is no formal relationship between the two degree program requirements in a dual degree situation.

To ensure that students entering a second graduate degree program receive timely and effective advisement on a program of study approved by the second department, admission to the second graduate degree program must be approved before the student completes more than twelve credit-hours of coursework that are counted in that department toward the second graduate degree. In special circumstances, students may petition their academic deans for an exception.

This limit of 12 credits earned only applies to students admitted to their first graduate degree program in the Fall 2014 semester and onwards.