A concurrent degree program represents the combination of two master's degree programs in recognized majors in which a limited number of units may be used in common to reduce the time needed to earn both degrees; it requires an integrated capstone.

How to calculate "shared" units for a concurrent degree program

1. Add the total number of units required for program 1 and for program 2.
2. Calculate 25% of that total. This number represents the maximum number of course units that can be counted as meeting requirements for both degree programs. These courses represent the interdisciplinary requirements of the concurrent degree program. Shared units must include the course for the joint capstone project.
3. Deduct that 25% figure from the total number of units required for both programs to calculate the minimum number of required units for the concurrent degree.

Example:
Program: MA in A
Total Coursework Required: 50 units
Duration: 2 academic years

Program: MA in B
Total Coursework Required: 50 units
Duration: 2 academic years

1. Total number of units to earn MA in A and MA in B without concurrent degree program: 100 units over 4 years.
2. 25% of 100 units = 25. This is the maximum number of units that can be counted toward meeting the requirements of both degrees.
3. Minimum number of units allowed for concurrent A/B program = 75 (100 - 25).
Duration: 3 academic years (students will have to enroll for 12 – 13 units per semester).

Breakdown:
Provide a breakdown in terms of the concurrent program and each program. Delineate between each program's core and elective courses and the specific courses counted as shared units. Shared units must include the course for the joint capstone project.

Shared A/B required courses: up to 25 units
List individual courses and units
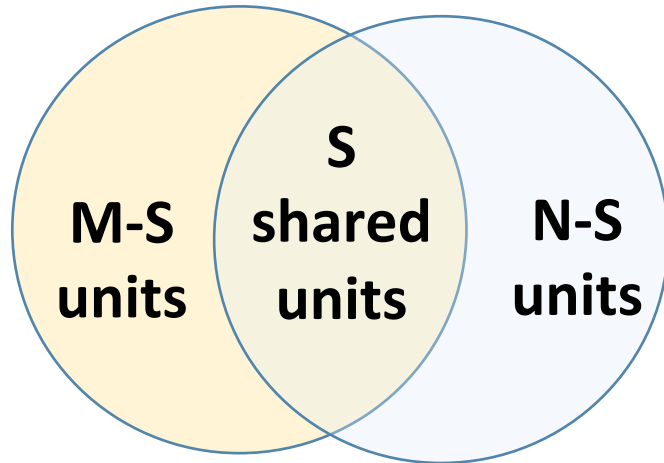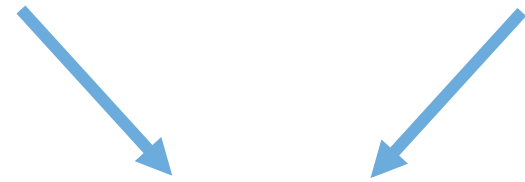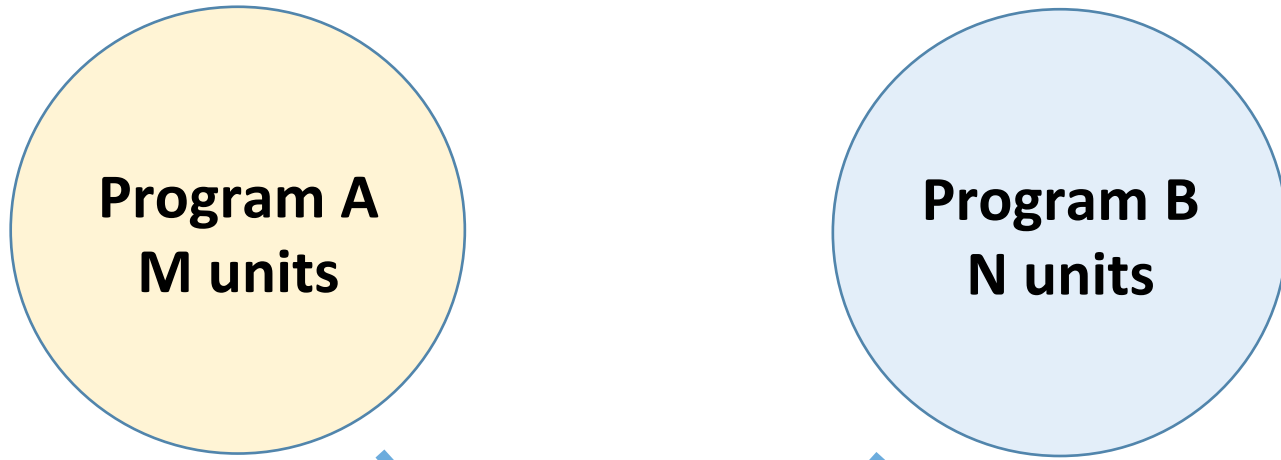
Required A Courses: 25 units (core and elective)
List individual courses and units

Required B Courses: 25 units (core and elective)
List individual courses and units

List any additional required coursework (internship, etc.)

See attached graphic on next page.

Program A has M units
Program B has N units

The concurrent degree program combining A & B programs may share S units, such that $S \leq 0.25 (M+N)$

The total number of units in the concurrent degree program is then M+N-S

Concurrent Degree Program A & B