

Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology, and Public Policy DOUBLE COUNTING CREDITS

Only relevant to students in MA programs or students in PhD programs seeking a MA before advancing towards the PhD:

1. Only 1/6 of the total credits for the graduate degree can be double-counted towards the Certificate (i.e., if the MA is 36 credits only 6 can be double-counted between units). The maximum amount of credits that may be double-counted is 7 credits.

*Double-counting rules are irrelevant for PhD students who do not seek an MA. For these students Rackham only counts fee totals. RFTs are not the same as credit hours. Doctoral students need a minimum of 36 RFTs for candidacy and a total of 68 RFTs for the PhD. A doctoral student may advance to candidacy with as few as 18 RFTs if an MA has been posted from the other unit. See Rackham Handbook.

2. Not more than half of the total of the Certificate (i.e., not more than 7 credits for a 15 credit certificate) can be double-counted.

3. Credits cannot be double-counted between dual degree programs (i.e., psychology/social work) and the Certificate. In this case the Certificate must be a 15 credit stand alone degree.

4. Credits cannot be split (i.e., one cannot use 1 credit from a 3 credit course).

5. Your non-Rackham degree program may have separate rules regulating double-counting.