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Partnerships: Joint and Dual Degrees within Universities and Between Domestic Universities

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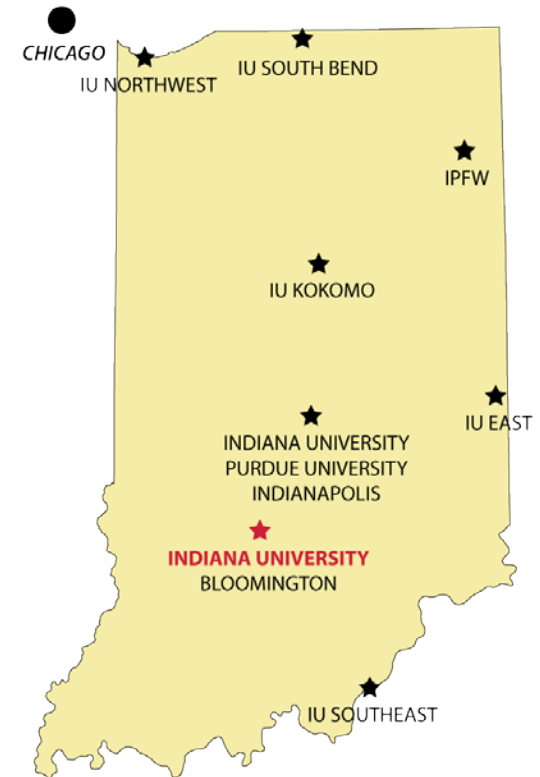
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Definitions

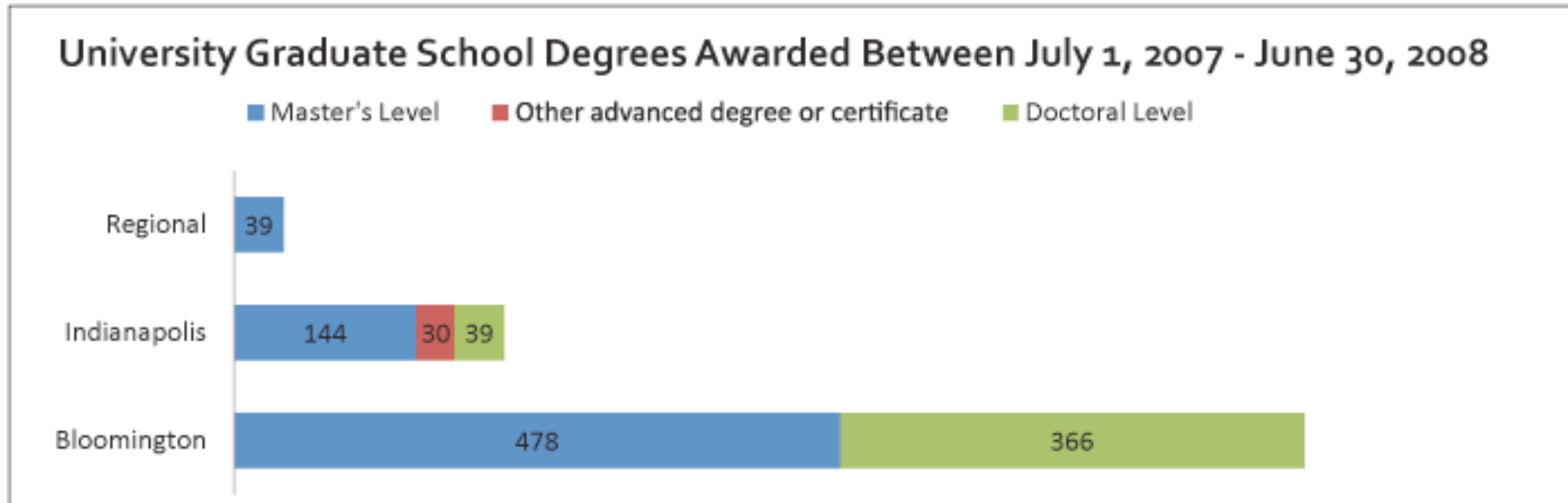
- Dual Degree
 - Students take coursework and receive a degree or diploma from each program or school or institution; programs are typically at the same level*
- Joint Degree
 - Students take coursework at each institution, but receive one degree or diploma*
 - Not common*
- Combined Degree
 - Students take coursework and receive a degree or diploma from each program or school or institution; programs are often at different levels; professional / non-professional*

IU - Eight Campuses Statewide

- *Bloomington and Indianapolis are the largest*
- *97,000 students; 21,000 graduate students*
- *3,100 international graduate students*
- *200 graduate programs*
- *Strengths in music, business, environmental studies, cancer biology, ecology/evolution, languages*



IU Graduate Degrees Awarded 2007-2008



Dual and Combined Degree Programs – Examples from Indiana University

- Dual Degree Programs
 - Dual Masters
 - PhD Double Major

- Combined Degree Programs
 - MA programs
 - JD/MA
 - MBA/MA
 - MS/MD

 - PhD programs
 - MD/PhD
 - DDS/PhD

Dual Degrees

- Dual Master's Program
 - Students concurrently enroll in two programs
 - Must be formally admitted by both programs
 - Approval by Dean required
 - All requirements of both degrees must be met
 - If both programs require a thesis, a single thesis that meets the requirements of both programs is allowed.
 - Thesis committee comprised of equal numbers of representatives from both units
 - Thesis credit is split between two units
 - All coursework must be completed within six years

Dual Degrees

- PhD Double Major
 - Two majors in two departments (some exceptions)
 - Approval by Dean required
 - Must have a substantive relationship between the two major fields, particularly with respect to the topic of the student's dissertation
 - All degree requirements for each major must be fulfilled, including passing two sets of qualifying examinations
 - An extra year is allowed before the students must take the qualifying exam
 - 90 credit hours required; some course overlap allowed
 - Language requirements
 - Minor
 - Any substantial overlap is to be negotiated with the committee and approved by the Dean

Joint Degree Programs

- “N + N” Programs
- Student/faculty exchange
- Integrated degree requirements
- Challenges: quality control, degree notations, funding



Combined Degree Programs

- Masters Programs
 - MD/MS; MD/MPH; MD/MA
 - Must fulfill all requirements for MD
 - Minimum of 30 credit hours of graduate study
 - Maximum of 10 credits overlap with School of Medicine courses
 - JD/MA; JD/MBA; JD/MPA; JD/MLS; JD/MSES
 - All requirements both degrees must be met
 - Slight reduction in JD (9) and MA credits
 - MBA/MA
 - Areas studies programs (5)
 - Telecommunications
 - Slight reduction in MBA (12) and MA (6) credits

Combined Degree Programs

- PhD Programs
 - MD/PhD
 - All MD requirements must be fulfilled, as well as 90 credits for PhD
 - Maximum of 30 credit hour overlap
 - Extension of time to complete course requirements
 - Medical Scientist Training Program – 7 years
 - DDS/PhD
 - Similar to the MD/PhD program
 - Typical time to complete is 8 years

Proposal and Administration

- No specific form required
- Applications must address rationale, demand, employment possibilities, available resources, impact on other programs, assessment (<http://www.indiana.edu/~grdschl/starting-new-graduate-programs.php>).
- Since the degrees typically exist, does not require state commission approval
- One program often spawns similar programs and create a model to follow
- Challenges: budgetary issues, student support; quality control; sound pedagogical justification