Table 2: Dual Degree Option – Proposed Plan

MRP Program			MSS Program		
#	**Description**	**Credits**	**#**	**Description**	**Credits**
		Core Courses (3 credits unless specified):			
651	Planning History and Theory 656 Planning Law	3	691A	Fall Seminar	1
656	Planning Law	3	691B	Spring Seminar	1
620	Quantitative Methods	3	697PS	Perspectives on Sustainability	3
625	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3			
630	The Practice of Public Participation	3			
635	Research Issues in Landscape	3			
675	Regional Planning Studio	6			
MRP concentration courses (covered by MSS courses)			Program Electives (3 required 3 credit courses, See list in Table 1)		
		Combined MRP Thesis / Project & MSS internship			
698	Master's Project, of	6	696	Practicum in Sustainability	4
699	Master's Thesis	9			
Total non-elective credits		*30 to 33*			
MRP electives (ecological concentration)		3 to 6	MSS Electives (urban concentration)		12
Total MRP credits		**36**	**Total MSS credits**		**30**
Total Dual-Degree Program Credits					**66**

Sample Program Timeline and Special Course Descriptions (see Table 3 for summary)

The First and Second Years:

Dual Degree Students in their first year fulfill core requirements for either the MRP or the MSS program. During their second year they will attend the other program. Students can elect to take an introductory statistics course (RP 620 or equivalent) in either program during the first year. There are also a small number of elective credits available during the student's first year in the MRP program where a student would be able to take either MSS program core courses or MRP/ MSS electives.

Table 3: Sample Program Timetable (assumed starting in MSS, MRP Thesis Option)

	Fall Semester	**Spring Semester**
1st Year:	MSS Curriculum **(15 credits)** 4 MSS Courses + RP 620 Quant Methods	MSS Curriculum **(15 credits)** 4 MSS Courses + RP 635 Research Issues
Summer:	MSS SUMMER PRACTICUM (150 hours total):	4 credits = 31 total for 1st full year
	(2 additional MSS credits may be taken in any of these semesters to reach 66 total)	
2nd Year:	MRP Curriculum **(15 credits)** 3 MRP core courses (651, 630, 675), and one MRP elective = 15 credits	MRP/MSS Curriculum **(15 credits)** 2 MRP core course (625, 656), plus either Master's Thesis/3-course Option or MRP Project + 1 MRP Elective

= 66 total credits over two years plus summer(s)

MSS Summer Practicum:

In addition to the core requirements, the MSS requires students to complete a 150-hour summer practicum, usually in a public or nonprofit organization. The MSS practicum requirement should be satisfied in the summer between the first and second year, typically after completing the MSS coursework in the first year.

Regional Planning Studio:

Dual degree students will be required to participate in the regional planning studio. In the studio, students divide into teams of c. 4-5 students each and work on a 'real' planning project with an actual client. Contracts between the client and the studio team are signed as a means of providing a 'real-world' studio experience. Tasks will include data collection, analysis, and development of plan alternatives, public participation, and recommendations or plan implementation.

Administration of Program:

1. Applicants are required to apply to each school individually, and must meet the respective admission requirements for each program. Once admitted to both schools, a student will qualify for the joint degree program. Applicants to both programs are expected to have taken the GRE. In addition, applicants whose native language is not English must take Test of English Language (TOEFL). Students already enrolled in one of the programs can apply to the other during their first year in the program.
2. Advising: In the MRP portion of the program, students are primarily advised by the Graduate Program Director of the MRP program. In the MSS portion of the program, students are primarily advised by the Graduate Program Director of the MSS program. Students will have access to consultation advisors in both programs at all times.