

Double Major Policy Changes

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RESOLVED:

That the following changes be made to the Academic Policies published in the Academic Catalog (additions in **bold underline**, deletions in **strikethrough**).

Academic Catalog / Policies & Procedures / Academic Policies / Undergraduate / Academic Affairs and Academic Programs / Undergraduate Majors and Minors

Double Majors

Students may add a second major (double major) only if they can complete both majors within 140 units. Student requests to add a second major must be approved by the department chairs of the existing major and the second major. If the student seeking to add a major has 90 or more earned units, the request also must be approved by the associate dean (or college designee) of the new major. All requests to add a second major must be accompanied by a plan demonstrating that the additional major can be completed within 140 units. Double majors in the same department are permitted unless specifically excluded in the University Catalog.

Students graduating with a double major are required to complete all components of each major, including the Senior Seminars. When a student completes two majors, both majors will be recorded on the diploma. Courses taken to satisfy the requirements for one major may be double counted if they satisfy requirements in the second major. Although double-counting of courses from one major to the other is possible, tThe student must accumulate a minimum number of unduplicated units in each major. For the BA major, the minimum is 24 semester units; for the BS major, the minimum is 36 semester units.

RATIONALE:

The requested changes address concerns about the timeline to declare a double major and its impact on student success and graduation rates. These changes clarify the procedures and requirements for declaring a second major.

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