

Simultaneous Degree Completion Policy

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Purpose:

This policy describes the credit requirements for students who want to complete multiple degrees at the same time.

Policy:

Undergraduate students seeking to complete a second baccalaureate degree from a different college of the university or different degree (e.g., B.S., B.A., B.F.A.) within the same college will be required to complete 150-credit minimum for completion of simultaneous degrees.

Students may complete a double major (e.g., B.S. in Chemistry and B.S. in Biology) with less than 150 credits as long as they meet all of the requirements for both programs. If the student has less than 150 credits and the two majors involve multiple degree designations (e.g., B.A. in English and B.S. in Psychology), the student will have the option to select the degree designation that appears on the transcript and diploma.

Graduate students seeking to complete two simultaneous graduate degrees will be required to complete at least 12 hours beyond the minimal credit requirements for the degree program with the most required credits.

Post-Baccalaureate Students Returning for a Second Undergraduate Degree:

Students need to complete an additional 30 credits (regardless of number of earned credits of the first degree) and complete degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation for second undergraduate degree.

Post-Masters Students Returning for a Second Masters Degree:

Students need to complete an additional 15 credits (regardless of number of earned credits of the first masters degree) and complete degree requirements in effect at time of matriculation for second Masters degree.