

**2022-2023 Bulletin Change Proposal**

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**Justification:** The current policy language includes statements that are vague and uses outdated terminology. It is also not conducive to allowing flexibility in the pursuit of multiple majors and/or degrees. Nor does it allow for enforcement of sharing rules to be monitored centrally and at the university level.

**Second Baccalaureate Degree and Second Major****Second Baccalaureate Degree**

At times the University confers a second baccalaureate degree upon candidates who have completed requirements for the second degree.

The following specifications for a second baccalaureate degree apply:

1. The student must meet admission and progression requirements for the second degree, and must have received formal approval to pursue the second degree from both deans.
2. All requirements for the second degree must be fulfilled.
3. The additional requirements for the second degree must include a minimum of 24 semester hours beyond those required for the first degree.
4. No course that satisfies a general education, major, minor, cognate, or requirement other than a free elective for the first degree may be applied to the major field of the second degree.
5. The student must file a separate degree application for the second degree with the appropriate college or school.

Under this policy a student may apply for two degrees at one time or separately. In either case, the student receives two diplomas. It

**Additional Majors and Baccalaureate Degrees****Additional Majors**

In some degree programs, a student may elect additional majors. Additional majors are awarded in the same graduation term with one degree. Additional majors are awarded within the same college (exceptions are listed below). Students receive one diploma for each degree earned regardless of the number of majors awarded under a degree.

Additional majors are not an option for all academic programs. Colleges may allow an additional major to satisfy some degree components. Please review program requirements in the academic bulletin for more information.

**Special Valid Combinations for Additional Majors**

In certain circumstances, students can receive an additional major under a non-corresponding degree and/or college.

*Arts and Sciences Majors*

An undergraduate student, whose primary program of study is in the College of Arts and Sciences, may earn an additional major in any major from the College of Arts and Sciences, regardless of degree type.

- ex. B.S. in Chemistry with a second major in English

*School of Music And College Of Arts and Sciences*

An undergraduate student, whose primary program of study is in the School of Music, may earn an additional major from the College of Arts and Sciences.

should be noted that a second major does not by itself lead to the conferral of a second degree.

Students who submit two degree applications for the same degree in the same college for a double major will receive one diploma.

### **Second Major**

In some degree programs, a student may elect a second major. Normally, second majors are possible only in degree programs with similar general education requirements. The second major option is not available in all colleges.

1. The student must meet admission and progression requirements for the second major.
2. The student must have received approval from both deans for a second major.
3. All requirements for the second major must be fulfilled.
4. All general education and special departmental requirements normally associated with the second major must be fulfilled.
5. In cases where the first major and the second major lead to different degrees, the student must designate one as the official degree of record. A second major eliminates the cognate requirement; however, special departmental requirements normally completed as part of the cognate are not waived.

Fulfillment of the requirements for a second major are indicated on the student's official transcript upon graduation. No notation for a

- ex. B.A. in Music with an additional major of Anthropology

### *College of Engineering and Computing And College Of Arts and Sciences*

An undergraduate student, whose primary program of study is B.S.C.S. in Computer Science from the College of Engineering and Computing, may earn an additional major in Mathematics from the College of Arts and Sciences.

### **Additional Degrees**

Students may also pursue more than one degree either simultaneously within the same term or in subsequent terms. The requirements for both degrees must be satisfied by no less than 144 total credit hours. The additional requirements for the additional degree must include a minimum of 24 semester hours beyond those required for the student's primary or first awarded degree. Students receive a diploma for each degree awarded.

### **Requirements for Pursuing an Additional Major or Degree**

1. The student must be accepted into the additional major or degree program.
2. The student must meet progression requirements for the additional major or degree program.
3. All requirements for the degree normally associated with the additional major must be fulfilled.
4. All requirements for an additional degree program must be fulfilled.

### **Course Sharing Rules**

- If pursuing an additional degree, a course may apply once in the primary degree program and once in each additional degree program.
- Within a single program of study, courses may not be applied toward more than one required academic program

second major is placed on the official transcript for course work completed after graduation.

Students who submit two degree applications for the same degree in the same college for a double major will receive one diploma\*.

component (Carolina Core, College Requirements, Program Requirements, Major Requirements). This rule does not apply to optional components (e.g., a minor or additional major that is in addition to the degree requirements).

- The university ensures that no additional major or degree has excessive overlap of degree requirements. (See SACSCOC Standard 9.2)

#### **Invalid Combinations**

##### *Two Degrees with the Identical Majors*

A student cannot earn two degrees with an identical major.

- ex. B.S., Psychology, B.A., Psychology in the same graduation term.

##### *Identical Major/Minor*

A student cannot earn a major and minor in the same discipline.

- ex. B.A., Film and Media Studies and a minor in Film and Media Studies