**Policy Revision**

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| **Policy Title** | Bachelor’s Degree Requirements, Multiple Majors and Degrees | | | |
| **Policy URL** | <https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/program-graduation/degrees-programs/undergraduate/bachelors-degree-candidacy> | | | |
| **Suggested updates** | -Add relevant information on multiple majors (currently located in the Change of Major or College policy). -Add table to clarify different use cases for sequential degrees, concurrent degrees, and multiple majors. -Remove procedural information. | | | |
| **Rationale for updates** | -Information on multiple majors is more pertinent in the context of multiple degrees than regarding a change of major. -Students and advisors can easily compare the three different scenarios for multiple majors/degrees to determine applicability. -Procedural information is not part of policy; this information can be relocated (registrar.arizona.edu?) and linked to from the policy. | | | |
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| **Responsible Unit** | The Office of the Registrar | **URL** | <https://registrar.arizona.edu/> | |
| **Career Applicability** | Undergraduate  Graduate  Law  Medicine  Pharmacy  Veterinary Medicine | | | |
| **Approvals Granted**  *(for council use only)* | UGC Policies Subcommittee | Scheduled: 12/12/2023, 3/26/2024, 4/23/2024, 8/20/2024 | | Status: |
| Undergraduate Council | Scheduled: | | Status: |
| Graduate Council | Scheduled: XX | | Status: XX |
| Undergraduate CAAC | Scheduled: | | Status: |
| Graduate CAAC | Scheduled: XX | | Status: XX |
| Faculty Senate Executive Committee | Scheduled: | | Status: |
| Faculty Senate | Scheduled: | | Status: |

**Policy Revision Side by Side**

Additions in Green – Deletions in ~~Yellow~~

| Existing Policy | Proposed Edit |
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| ****Bachelor's Degree Candidacy ~~& Related Information~~****~~Application for Degree Candidacy~~ ~~The University awards degrees four times annually: in January, May, August and December. For undergraduate degree candidacy filing deadlines and fees, see the~~[**~~Graduation Services~~**](https://registrar.arizona.edu/support-services/graduation-services)~~site.  (Graduate students may consult the~~[**~~Graduate Degree Requirements~~**](https://grad.arizona.edu/gsas/degree-requirements)~~site.)~~ ~~Changes in Degree-Application Information~~ ~~Once a degree application has been filed, applicants are required to notify their~~[**~~Graduation Services advisor~~**](http://www.registrar.arizona.edu/academics/graduation-services-advisors?audience=students&cat1=7&cat2=25)~~promptly of subsequent changes in the following information: (1) anticipated date of graduation; (2) degree, major, minor, catalog being used; (3) name, local address and telephone number, permanent address. Failure to do so may result in delay in awarding of the degree.~~ Completion of Degree Requirements The Bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 units **and**the completion of all major, minor, and General Education requirements.  All degree requirements must be completed by the last day of final exams ~~in~~ the ~~semester or~~ term in which the degree is to be awarded. ~~The applicant is also responsible for providing all documentation relating to the completion of his/her degree program to the Undergraduate Graduation Services Office within 30 calendar days following the last day of final exams in the semester or term in which the degree is to be awarded. Documentation may include, but not be limited to, official transcripts from other educational institutions/programs, actions resulting from University General Petitions, Change of Grade forms (including removals of "I" grades), etc. Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in a delay or non-awarding of the degree.~~  ~~Degree candidates who find it necessary to leave The University of Arizona and complete final course requirements through transfer work are required to notify their~~[**~~Graduation Services advisor~~**](http://www.registrar.arizona.edu/academics/graduation-services-advisors?audience=students&cat1=7&cat2=25)~~of such plans before leaving the University.~~ ~~Second Bachelor's Degree~~ **~~Sequential Degrees:~~**~~Candidates for a second bachelor's degree at The University of Arizona with a different award date than the first must earn no fewer than 30 units of University Credit in addition to the units required for the first degree, and must meet all requirements for the second degree. For partly overlapping but sequential degrees--when the second award date differs from the first--the 30 additional units are added to the first degree's total units for a minimum of 150 units, although some of the additional units may have been completed before conferral of the first degree.~~  ~~Students may apply for a sequential second degree with a degree title that is the same as the first (e.g., B.S. in Plant Sciences and B.S. in Microbiology). For sequential degrees, students must complete at least 50 percent of all course work required in the major (as defined on the Academic Advisement Report) of the second degree after conferral of the first degree.~~  **~~Concurrent Degrees:~~**~~If the degrees are completed at the same time, the 30 additional units of University Credit are not necessary. The student may earn concurrent (simultaneous) degrees with a minimum of 120 units and the completion of all major, minor, and General Education requirements, as long as both degrees are awarded on the same date.~~  ~~Students may apply for a concurrent second degree only if the degree title and major differ from the first. Students pursuing another academic program that would lead to the same degree title as the primary program must declare that program as an additional major, not a concurrent degree. Two or more majors may be completed within one academic degree program as long as these majors lead to the same degree title. However, after the first degree is awarded, another major cannot be appended to it.~~ ~~Clearance of Accounts~~ ~~Degree candidates are required to clear any indebtedness to the University before completion of degree requirements will be officially certified or the diploma released.~~ | ****Bachelor's Degree Requirements, Multiple Majors and Degrees****Completion of Degree Requirements The Bachelor's degree requires a minimum of 120 units **and**the completion of all major, minor, and General Education requirements.  All degree requirements must be completed by the last day of final exams of the term in which the degree is to be awarded. Multiple Majors and Degrees Students wishing to complete more than one baccalaureate program may choose to do so by declaring multiple majors or earning multiple degrees. The timing of completion and the degree type associated with each program determine the specific degree conferral requirements as well as whether a student's programs are awarded as a single degree or multiple degrees.   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **MULTIPLE MAJOR/ DEGREE TYPE** | **TIMING** | **DEGREE TYPES** | **REQUIREMENTS** | | Sequential Degrees | Degrees have different conferral dates | Degrees may have the same or different degree types | * Minimum 120 units and completion of all major, minor and General Education requirements for conferral of 1st degree. * Minimum additional 30 units of University Credit and completion of all major, minor and General Education requirements for conferral of 2nd+ degree. * No more than 50% of the 2nd+ degree's major coursework may be completed prior to the conferral of the 1st degree. | | Concurrent Degrees | Degrees have same conferral date | Two or more majors leading to two or more Bachelor’s degree types | * Minimum 120 units and completion of all major, minor and General Education requirements for each degree. | | Multiple Majors | Majors have same conferral date for a single degree | Two or more majors leading to a single Bachelor’s degree type | * Minimum 120 units and completion of all major, minor and General Education requirements for each major. * A minimum of 18 units of University Credit for each major. * 2nd major may replace a required minor. * Degree is conferred by the college of the student’s primary major. | |