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Multiple Major Policy (Effective immediately)

An undergraduate student in good academic standing who wishes to declare more than one major must petition the undergraduate School(s) responsible for the majors and obtain approval from the relevant School Dean(s). A School Dean may deny the petition for the additional major(s) if it is determined that there is excessive overlap in the proposed coursework and the additional major is not academically justified.

Students must satisfy all requirements for each major, including applicable General Education requirements across Schools.

All coursework for a major must be completed within the parameters established by UC Merced Senate Regulation II.1. Normal Progress to Degree.

A student who has declared multiple majors may choose to graduate with fewer than all declared majors; however, once the degree is awarded, the student may not continue at the University to complete any remaining major(s).

All majors earned will be noted on the student's transcript and diploma. If the majors lead to different degree types (e.g., B.A. and B.S.), both designations will be recorded on the transcript and appear on the diploma.

Course Overlap and Distinct Units

- Lower-division units may be applied to multiple majors simultaneously without limitation.

- No more than 12 upper-division units, typically equivalent to 3 courses, excluding units required for School- and University-level General Education, may be applied simultaneously to satisfy requirements across multiple majors.

If a student is declared in multiple majors in addition to one or more minors, a School Dean may deny the sharing of course credit between majors and minors if there is determined to be an excessive overlap of content.