

Major and Minor Exclusion Policy

Justification

Currently, different departments and programs have different policies regarding “double-dipping”. Some programs allow overlap of courses, while other programs impose various restrictions.

It creates confusion for students when a program’s requirements do not stand alone, but instead are contingent on the other programs in which a student may be enrolled.

Proposal

Program requirements must be the same for all students enrolled in that program, regardless of any other programs in which the student is enrolled.

- If a department offers two programs with substantial overlap and similar names, they may forbid students from enrolling in both programs.
- A program may include optional courses whose prerequisites or enrollment restrictions effectively require enrollment in another program as well.
- A program may include some courses “under advisement”. Once such a course has been approved, the approval may not be unilaterally rescinded.

Proposed Policy 2023-02-03: Major and Minor Exclusions

A student may enroll in any major or minor for which they meet the requirements, up to the allowed number of majors/minors. If two programs are mutually exclusive, this must be stated explicitly as a note in the catalog.