



California University of Pennsylvania

POLICY: Double Majors, Dual Degrees, and Second Degrees

A. Purpose & Scope:

To describe the process and procedures for undergraduate double majors, dual degrees, and second degrees

B. Definition(s):

Undergraduate degree: An award conferred by a college or university signifying that the recipient has satisfactorily completed a course of study.

C. Policy:

California University grants the following undergraduate degree areas: B.A.; B.S.; B.S. in Education; B.S.N; BSW; BFA; and A.A., A.S., A.A.S. (All except the last three are four-year, baccalaureate degrees.) These are referred to below as degree areas. A distinction is drawn between the following objectives and opportunities and between the means to achieve them: (1) a Double Major; (2) a Second Degree and (3) a Dual Degree. These opportunities, as explained below, are the only ones offered. None of these opportunities should be confused with any certification programs, such as those in Teacher Education.

The common standard will be to require a 150-credit minimum for simultaneous completion of dual degrees. Two diplomas are awarded.

Students meeting all of the requirements of two majors with less than 150 credit hours can obtain a double-major (one diploma). In the case of a double major, if 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.

- **Action for 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 time of matriculation for second undergraduate degree.
 - Students seeking a second degree must apply for admission in the Office of Admissions.
 - Associate Degree after Baccalaureate Degree – Students need to complete an additional 15 credits (regardless of number of earned credits of the baccalaureate) and complete degree requirements in effect at time of matriculation for associate degree program.

(The university will not award an associate degree to a student who holds a baccalaureate degree in the same area.)

D. Procedure(s):

As noted above, students wishing to pursue any of these opportunities must follow procedures established by the university, admissions, dean, and department, as appropriate.

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