



University Community (faculty, undergraduate students and University Undergraduate School administration)

SUBJECT (R*)	EFFECTIVE DATE (R*)	POLICY NUMBER (O*)
DEFINITION OF MAJOR AND MINOR	May 20, 1998	340.120

POLICY STATEMENT (R*)

A major is a concentration of course work in an approved academic discipline. This concentration of course work allows students to develop a significant degree of expertise in an area of study or discipline. In addition to a basic core of general education courses, a minimum of 30 semester credit hours is required in each major or baccalaureate program. The exact courses, credit requirements, prerequisites and electives for each major will vary, however. An outline of these requirements is included in the departmental program areas in the University catalog.

A minor is an arrangement of courses that enables a student to develop a secondary degree of expertise in an area of study in addition to his or her major academic program of study. To receive a minor, a student must also complete the requirements of a major or a baccalaureate degree from the university. In order to receive a minor, a student must complete a minimum of 15 semester credit hours.

REASON FOR POLICY (O*)

To provide the definition of Major and Minor.

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