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Report by the Undergraduate Academic Requirements Committee

RESOLUTION ON MULTIPLE MAJORS AT HUNTER COLLEGE

RESOLVED, that as of the Fall 2023 semester, the policy regarding multiple majors shall be revised as follows and reflected in the Hunter College Undergraduate Catalog:

From:

~~BA students have the option of declaring up to 3 majors. Students must complete the Hunter Core requirement and satisfy the sequence for all declared majors. If the same courses are required for two (or three) majors, the student must take additional courses as approved by the major department to reach the required number of credits in each major. Regardless of major(s), BA students must complete at least 90 Liberal Arts credits to graduate. Students are urged to meet frequently with an adviser to help them make good course selections.~~

To:

Multiple Majors

Before you declare multiple majors, please consider the following...

Declaration of more than one major may have significant implications for a student; for example, regarding additional time to graduation, professional certification, and/or issues concerning financial aid eligibility. Students are urged to meet frequently with academic advisors, faculty advisors in each major, and financial aid/scholarship advisors before they choose to pursue more than one major.

More than One B.A. Major

BA students have the option of declaring more than one major. Students must complete the Hunter General Education requirements as well as the requirements for all declared majors. BA students must complete at least 90 Liberal Arts credits to graduate regardless of which major(s) are selected.

Declaring Up to Two Majors between Different Undergraduate Degree Awards

Undergraduate students may declare up to two majors between different undergraduate degree awards (for example, combining a B.A. major with a B.S. major). Students who wish to complete the requirements for two majors from different degree awards have two options to achieve this.

One-degree option: In cases where a student completes the requirements for two declared majors from different award designations, the student may be awarded the degree associated with one of the two majors. Only one degree with one major will be awarded. For the identification of the second major, a notation of

completion of all of the requirements of the second major will reside in the transcript permanent comment section. This is a minimum 120-credit option.

Two-degree option: Students who complete the requirements for two declared majors from different degree awards may opt to receive two undergraduate degrees and two diplomas. In order to be awarded two degrees, such as a B.A. and B.S., students must complete at least an additional 30 credits in residence beyond the standard 120 total credits required for a bachelor's degree. This is a minimum 150-credit option. It may take students five or more years to complete this option.

Important considerations

With either option, students must complete the Hunter General Education requirements as well as the requirements for all declared majors and complete all degree requirements from both degree awards.

Degree award requirements may differ with respect to number of required liberal arts credits or minimum required cumulative grade point average. For students with majors in two different degree awards (e.g., B.A. and B.S.) the following applies:

- If the degree awards have a different number of required liberal arts credits, the student must complete the higher number of required liberal arts credits.

- If the degree awards have different requirements for minimum cumulative grade point average, the student must earn the higher required minimum cumulative grade point average.

Double Counting of Courses Between or Among Majors:

For the Hunter College policy on double counting of courses between or among majors, please refer to the section of the Hunter College catalog on double counting of courses between or among majors
[provide link]

Explanation: This resolution updates the language provided in the Hunter College Undergraduate Catalog regarding declaring multiple majors and recommends that students consult with advisors before declaring more than one major. The resolution also provides a policy regarding majors between different degree awards. Although allowed by CUNY, double majoring between different degree awards has not been allowed at Hunter College.