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Policy Statement

Students pursuing baccalaureate degrees other than General Studies may consider more than one major and/or minor. All requirements for the declared major and/or minor must be completed by the time the initial degree is awarded. Associate degrees are not eligible for minors or second/multiple majors.

Students are required to declare a primary degree program (specific baccalaureate degree and first major). This program of study is that which will be recorded on the diploma, and which will determine the degree awarded by the University. A second or additional major represents a further emphasis of study and shall be designated on the student's academic transcript. Earning a second or other major, however, is not to be considered as completion of an additional or distinct degree program.

Double Majors vs. Dual Degrees: A student pursuing one degree, but two major areas of study, is said to have a "double major". To complete a double major the student must earn all hours required by the degree program of their first major plus any additional course(s) needed to fulfill only the major supporting requirements of the second major. A student who fulfills all requirements for two complete degree programs, earning no fewer than 150 credit hours is said to be a "dual degree candidate." Students who wish to earn two baccalaureate degrees (dual degrees) should refer to the Concurrent Degree policy. Note that associate degrees are not eligible for minors or second/multiple majors.

Awarding Subsequent Majors/Minors: EKU does not award a subsequent major/minor/concentration after an initial degree is conferred unless the student completes a subsequent degree program. While multiple majors, minors and certificates earned by a student are formally posted to the student's academic transcript, only the degree earned and one major will be printed on the diploma. Students interested in pursuing multiple majors, minors,

certificates and/or concentrations should contact the Office of Academic Advising and Retention, a college advising office, or the department of interest for additional information.

Entities Affected

- Colleges
- Departments
- Faculty
- Registrar
- Students

Interpreting Authority

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Review and Approval

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