

MAJORS, MINORS, DOUBLE MAJORS AND SIMULTANEOUS DEGREES POLICY

Major

The major is a field of study in which a student must specialize in an academic discipline or interdisciplinary area of study by taking a minimum of 27 credit hours in a specified selection of courses in the subject matter(s) as a part of the requirements for completion of an undergraduate degree program. All students must complete the requirements for at least one major, in addition to general education requirements, to successfully earn a bachelor's degree. The major appears on the transcript.

All undergraduate degree-seeking students must meet the requirements to declare and be accepted into a major prior to the completion of 60 credits of credit. Transfer students entering with more than 60 credits must declare and be accepted into a major prior to registration of their first term at UNC Greensboro.

The student may declare the major in one of the following ways:

- Upon completion of the initial undergraduate freshman, transfer, or international admissions application.
- By formal request to the department of the new degree program.

Concentration

A concentration is a structured plan of study within select majors comprising a specified cluster of courses. The requirements for a concentration are determined by the department. The concentration appears on the transcript.

Minor

A minor represents an optional, secondary field of study for a degree-seeking student; no student may declare a major and a minor in the same discipline. A minor requires additional coursework beyond what is already required for a related major. The minor appears on the transcript.

Pre-Major

A pre-major is a designated pathway for interested undergraduate students to gain entry into a UNC Greensboro undergraduate major/degree program. A pre-major functions principally as an advising tool that helps departments guide interested students into required preparatory coursework and to advise them on any other major requirements.

Acceptance or assignment into a pre-major does not guarantee acceptance into the associated major.

Preprofessional Programs

UNC Greensboro offers all courses required for admission to certain professional schools. The Pre-Professional Programs are not majors, but areas of interest. Students must select another academic area as the major.

Double Major

A student who fulfills the specified requirements for two different majors under a single degree program (e.g. B.A., B.S.) prior to graduation completes a double major. For example, a student may complete a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with majors in Music and Political Science or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with majors in Psychology and Business Administration.

The successful completion of prerequisite and curriculum requirements for both majors are required in order to complete the degree program with a double major. A student must declare a primary major and fulfill the General Education requirements of the primary major. For double majors, one diploma is issued and both majors are recorded on the student's transcript.

Simultaneous Degrees

A student who fulfills the specified requirements for distinct programs from different degrees prior to graduation will be awarded simultaneous degrees. For example, a student may complete a B.A. in Economics and a B.S. in Physics. Successful completion of prerequisite and curriculum requirements for each degree is required in order to complete both degrees. In order to graduate, the student must complete two graduation applications (one application for each degree). For students who receive simultaneous degrees, two diplomas are issued, and both degrees and majors are listed on the student's transcript. The major selected for the additional simultaneous baccalaureate degree must be in a different academic discipline from that of the other simultaneous degree.

Change of Degree Program, Major, Concentration, and/or Minor

An undergraduate student may change the degree program which consists of major and/or concentration and/or minor and may enroll in a new degree program provided that the student meets the prerequisites for admission to the new degree program. See Student Catalog Year Policy for establishing the requirements for the changed degree.

The change of degree program (major, concentration, or minor) must be requested through and approved by the department of the new degree program. The department will submit the approval to the University Registrar's Office for processing.

A student who has earned 60 or more credit hours cannot change his/her major to Exploratory/Undecided.

Deadlines for Declaration or Change of Degree Program, Major, Concentration, and/or Minor

Students should be aware that there may be financial or academic implications related to the active major, minor, or concentration. Students must declare/change their major, concentration, or minor no later than the deadline date listed on the academic calendar for a given semester (typically 14 calendar days after the start of Fall or Spring and seven days after the start of Summer). Declarations or changes to a major, concentration or minor after the listed deadline will be made active for the next academic semester.

Note: A student's major must align with their campus type. An Online Campus student cannot have a major that is not delivered entirely online. If a student's change of major request changes their campus type (<https://catalog.uncg.edu/academic-regulations-policies/university-policies/campus-type/>), they will be assessed based on the deadlines for campus changes.

Second Baccalaureate Degree

Students who have previously earned bachelor's degrees from UNC Greensboro or other accredited institutions may apply to a program leading to a second baccalaureate degree. The major selected for the second baccalaureate degree must be in a different academic discipline from that of the first degree.

Students seeking a second baccalaureate degree must:

- Complete no fewer than 31 credits at UNC Greensboro within the second baccalaureate degree requirements.

- Achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on all work attempted toward the second degree.
- Satisfy all requirements for the second degree.

Students who hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution will not be required to satisfy the UNC Greensboro General Education Requirements for the second degree.

The deadlines as outlined in Declaration or Change of Degree Program, Major, Concentration, and/or Minor apply to Second Baccalaureate Degrees.

Baccalaureate Minor After Degree Awarded

Students who have earned a bachelor's degree from UNC Greensboro may not enroll in a program of study leading solely to a minor.