

SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AND DOUBLE MAJOR

I. SIMULTANEOUS CONFERRAL OF TWO BACCALAUREATE DEGREES FROM SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

To be granted simultaneous baccalaureate degrees, the specific requirements of each school or college and major must be satisfied, including any variation in university core. One senior synthesis is adequate unless the two degrees require specific and different courses. A cumulative total of 225 credits is normally required, or the minimum number for one of the degrees plus a minimum 45 additional credits. The same issue of the *Undergraduate Catalog* must be used throughout. Matteo Ricci College students may complete two degrees with a minimum of 180 credits except Humanities for Teaching students.

The student must apply for graduation by the appropriate deadline, submitting one online graduation application for each degree sought.

Undergraduate students completing two baccalaureate degrees simultaneously may participate in the commencement exercises provided they will have 18 or fewer credits remaining to be completed after spring quarter. Such students are graduating "with deficiencies" and should refer to Policy #83-1 (Attend Commencement with Deficiencies) for information. All requirements for both degrees must be completed before either degree will be posted to the transcript.

II. CONFERRAL OF A SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE FIRST DEGREE AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Every student returning to Seattle University for a second baccalaureate degree, after receiving a first, files an application for readmission with the Admissions Office.

A minimum of 45 additional credits is required. When a first baccalaureate degree has been completed with an excess of 180 credits, these are considered to be elective credits toward the first degree only and are not applicable toward the 45 additional credits necessary for the second degree unless planned, approved, and filed by petition with the registrar in advance of the receipt of the first degree.

Each student pursuing a second degree must complete all school, college, and major requirements stated in the *Undergraduate Catalog* that is in effect at the time the student begins study for the second degree. Satisfaction of core courses for the first baccalaureate degree at Seattle University fills all core requirements for the second unless the second degree requires specific courses for the core that were not completed in the first degree.

III. **CONFERRAL OF A SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREE ON A STUDENT WHOSE FIRST DEGREE WAS EARNED ELSEWHERE**

A student whose first degree was earned from either a U.S. institution of higher education with appropriate regional accreditation or an international university, must complete all college and major requirements for the new degree with a minimum of 45 credits at Seattle University. The "essential core curriculum" policy for such a student requires completion at Seattle University of a minimum of 13 credits including an upper division ethics course, a religious studies core course, and a senior synthesis course appropriate to the new degree. Students who have taken no previous courses in religious studies or theology should take a THRS 200-level course. Students who have taken one or more previous courses in religious studies or theology should refer to Policy #76-12 (Theology/Religious Studies Core Undergraduate Degree Candidates) to determine the proper theology and religious studies requirement.

In addition to the three specific requirements stated above, transcripts of all students who hold a bachelor's degree from a foreign university will be reviewed by the registrar and at least one course in each core area must have been completed or will be required for the Seattle University degree.

IV. **DOUBLE MAJOR IN THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

Students may earn a double major by completing core requirements for the degree sought and all requirements for the second major, including any core course required within that major as well as any specific college or school requirements of the second major. The same issue of the *Undergraduate Catalog* must be used throughout. If one of the programs has sufficient elective credits, students may meet major requirements of another department by using these electives. There is not an additional number of degree credits required, providing all requirements for both majors are completed when the degree is posted. Because only one bachelor's degree is awarded, students selecting two majors which culminate in two different degrees must decide which of the two degrees is to be awarded. The two majors, however, are both noted on the student's transcript.

Within an academic discipline a student may earn only one major or major with a specialization. Any exceptions to this rule are listed in the individual program sections of the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

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