

## RESOLUTION ON MULTIPLE MAJORS AT HUNTER COLLEGE

25 May 2022

**RESOLVED, that as of the Spring 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**

Declaration of more than one major has significant implications for a student; for example, time to graduation, professional certification, and issues concerning financial aid. Students are urged to meet frequently with academic advisers, program faculty advisers of each major, and Financial Aid advisers before they choose to pursue more than one major.

Some programs and majors, after approval through curricular governance procedures of the Hunter College Senate, may allow for some credit sharing between or among majors where the same courses are accepted towards different declared majors. Please refer to the program descriptions for each major in the Hunter College Catalog to see if credits may be shared between or among specific majors. If a program does not allow credit sharing for the same courses satisfying the requirements of more than one major, the student must take additional courses as approved by the major departments or programs to reach the required number of credits in each 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 and satisfy the sequence 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 also have the option of declaring up to two majors between different undergraduate degree awards (for example, combining a B.A. major with a B.S. major). Students who complete the requirements for two majors from different degree awards have two options to achieve this.

With either option, students must complete the Hunter General Education requirements, satisfy the sequence for both 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 minimum cumulative grade point average.

**One-degree option:** In cases where a student completes the requirements for two majors from different award designations, the student may be awarded the degree associated with one of the two majors. At the time of degree checkout, only one degree with one major will be awarded. However, 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.

**Two-degree option:** Students who complete the requirements for two declared majors from different degree awards would 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, five-year option.

**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 where there has previously been no stated policy.