



Double Major

A student who fulfills the specified requirements for two different majors under a single degree from the same college, simultaneously, completes a double major. Students may double major with the approval of the dean's office. For example, a student may simultaneously complete a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science—both B.A. degrees from College of Liberal Arts departments—and earn a double major. The graduation term must be the same for both majors. When applying for graduation, a student should note on the application that he/she will be completing an additional major. One diploma is issued and both majors are recorded on a student's transcript and diploma.

Dual Degree

A student who fulfills the specified requirements for two different majors from different degrees simultaneously, or who fulfills the specified requirements for two degrees in different colleges simultaneously, will earn dual degrees. For example, a student may simultaneously complete a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, both in the College of Liberal Arts, and earn dual degrees. A student may also simultaneously complete a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the College of Liberal Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the College of Science, and earn dual degrees.

No one course can be counted in the semester credit hours in more than one major.

The graduation term must be the same for both degrees. Upon graduation, the student must complete two graduation applications (one application for each degree). Upon graduation a student can attend multiple commencement ceremonies if the majors span across different colleges.

Second Bachelor's Degree

Applicants for a second baccalaureate degree must complete at least 24 semester hours at The University of Texas at El Paso. These additional hours must include at least six (6) advanced hours in the major subject of the second degree. A student working toward a second bachelor's degree will register as an undergraduate senior. A student who earned the first bachelor's degree at another institution must complete at least 30 hours at UTEP, including completion of the legislative requirements of six (6) hours of American History and six (6) hours of Political Science covering the Constitutions of the United States and Texas.

Posthumous Degree

A posthumous degree can be awarded only if the student was enrolled in courses that would have allowed the student to complete all work for the degree, and if the student had the appropriate grade point average in the required areas. For further information, individuals should contact the appropriate dean's office.

Best Practice #3

When students come asking about a double major (which we don't necessarily promote), make sure to ask what the majors are to determine whether it is a double major or dual degree situation. Students think that the two are the same. Double majors do not require a minor. On a dual degree, on the Liberal Arts side it would require a minor unless it is one of our programs like Digital Media Production that do not require one. In order to graduate with a dual degree, students must finish all requirements for both degrees before they can be awarded.