Understanding major and minor requirements

Major Field (27-36 hours)

Students complete a major prescribed by an academic department in the College of Liberal Arts (or Science or Business Administration [for the Economics major]) of at least 27 hours, **18 or more of which must be advanced (3000-or 4000-level).** Students should refer to the individual departmental listings in this catalog for specific major field requirements.

Nine (9) of the advanced hours in the major must be completed in residence within three years of the date of graduation. No course taken on a Pass/Fail basis can be counted for the major, even if the student changes majors after having taken the course. A completed degree plan must include a minimum grade point average (GPA) of C (2.0) in the major. Credit for courses taken to fulfill the major field requirements cannot also be counted to satisfy minor or College General Education field requirements.
A student who fulfills requirements for two majors prescribed by academic departments in the College of Liberal Arts (or Science or Business Administration [for the Economics major]) can earn a degree with a double major, provided that the two majors are from different fields. The second major fulfills the requirement for a minor field. The student must earn a minimum GPA of C (2.0) in both majors. Credit for courses taken to fulfill the major field requirements in one major cannot also be counted to satisfy requirements in the other major field.

**Electives**

Students complete electives as needed to bring the total semester hours of credit to at least 120. Elective credit cannot also be used in meeting any other degree requirement. Electives of advanced (3000-4000) level can, however, be applied toward satisfaction of the requirement of 45 advanced hours.

**Minor Field (18 hours)**

Students will complete a minor of at least 18 or more hours, nine of which must be advanced (3000-or 4000-level). The minor field must be selected from a discipline different from that of the major field. Credit for courses taken to fulfill the minor field requirements cannot also be counted to satisfy major field requirements. No course taken on a Pass/Fail basis can be counted for the minor, even though the student changes minors after having taken the course. A completed degree plan must include a minimum GPA of C (2.0) in the minor. Students should refer to the individual departmental listings in this catalog for specific minor requirements.

**Best Practice:** Before offering to substitute an EPCC course or any other lower division course for a UTEP course, please make sure that the student has the required upper division courses per catalog rule. Departments do have jurisdiction on which courses to substitute (even if they are lower division) however any substitutions must follow catalog rule. Example attached.