

Double Major or Double Degree?

When selecting a second major, if the degree title is *identical* to the degree title for the first major, then the student is pursuing a **double major** (single degree). If the two degree titles are *not* identical, then the student is pursuing a **double degree**.

Examples of past students:

Student A selects: Dance major (BFA degree) & Mathematics major (BS degree)
Student A is a **double degree** student; the degrees are Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Science; the majors are Dance and Mathematics. Student A will earn two separate diplomas.

Student B selects: Philosophy major (BA degree) & Mathematics major (BA degree)
Student B is a **double major**; the degree is Bachelor of Arts, and the majors are Philosophy and Mathematics. Student B will earn one diploma that will list both majors.

Double majors: when the second major is added, the general education and foundations requirements do not change, nor does the number of units required for the degree. A second major can fulfill the minor requirement for a math major, as long as it's in an appropriate subject for the math major option.

Double degrees: When you add a second degree, you need to fulfill all requirements for each degree, and will need at least 30 extra units beyond what is required for the larger degree (see below). While you can use a single course to fulfill a particular gen ed requirement in both degrees, there may be some differences in gen eds, foundations, and other requirements; be sure to talk to your advisors so you know what is required.

****Important:** the minor requirement for the math major can **NOT** be fulfilled by a major that is in a separate degree. Graduation Services will not process the degree without a minor in place. Talk to your major advisors about the best way to handle this requirement.

From the Catalog: Candidates for a second bachelor's degree at The University of Arizona must earn no fewer than **30 units in addition to the units required for the first degree**, and must meet all requirements for the second degree. The additional units may be completed concurrently with those applying to the first degree; however, at least 30 unique units of University Credit (units in residence not used for the first degree) must be completed for the second degree. If the degrees are completed concurrently, the 30 units are added to the degree with the higher unit requirement.

For sequential degrees, students must complete at least 50 percent of all course work required in the major of the second degree after the conferral of the first degree.

Students may apply for a simultaneous or sequential second degree only if the degree title and major differ from the first. Students pursuing another academic program that would lead to the same degree title as the primary program must declare that program as an additional major, not a second degree. Two or more majors may be completed within one academic degree program as long as these majors lead to the same degree title. However, after the first degree is awarded, another major cannot be appended to it. Students may instead pursue a post-baccalaureate certificate, a graduate degree, or a second baccalaureate with a degree title and major that differ from the first.
(from <http://catalog.arizona.edu/2012-13/policies/degreeapp.htm>)

What if I declare a second major/degree, but find I don't have time to complete it?

This does happen sometimes. We can always remove the major or degree for you (just email mcenter@math.arizona.edu for assistance). In some cases, a minor may work better; be sure to ask if you would like more information about minor requirements.