

Motion re Dual Degrees

Motion:

Effective immediately

~~Deletions~~

1340.40 Dual Degrees

Dual degrees are earned when a student satisfies all requirements for two different baccalaureate degrees (for example, B.A. and B.S.) within one or more colleges of Georgia State University. The minimum residence requirement of 39 semester hours at Georgia State University in courses numbered 3000 or above must be met for the first degree. If the second degree is completed concurrently with the first degree, or within five calendar years of the first degree, this requirement shall be deemed to have been satisfied for both degrees. ~~Regardless of when the second degree is completed, the requirements for the second degree will come from the catalog edition that the student followed for the first degree.~~

1340.50 Double Major

A double major consists of two separate majors in the same baccalaureate degree (for example, B.S. with majors in Criminal Justice and Psychology), regardless of the college or colleges in which that degree is awarded. A double major is earned when the student completes all requirements for each of the majors and all requirements for the degree. The minimum residence requirement of 39 semester hours at Georgia State University in courses numbered 3000 or above must be met for the first major. If the second major is completed concurrently with the first major, or within five calendar years of the first major, this requirement shall be deemed to have been satisfied for both majors. ~~Regardless of when the second major is completed, the requirements for the second major will come from the catalog edition that the student followed for the first major.~~

Rationale:

The current policy “freezes” a student’s catalog edition when the first degree is awarded. This policy was made because previous versions of Banner could not accommodate a student having two catalog editions. However, the rule means that a student cannot earn a second degree/major in a degree/major that did not exist at the time the first degree was awarded. The current version of Banner does accommodate a student having two catalog editions. While this problem affects only a small number of students, this motion will remove a needless barrier to student success.

The removal of the “freeze” rule means that a student’s catalog edition for the second degree/major would be determined by the usual catalog edition rules as indicated in Section 1340.20 of the Catalog.