Motion on Triple Majors

Motion:

Section 1340.40 of the Catalog is modified as follows: Additions

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.

After five years from the date of the awarding of the first major, credit that was used to satisfy the university's academic residence requirement cannot be applied toward the university's residence requirement for the second major. Regardless of when the second major is completed, at least one-half of the courses comprising both majors must be taken at Georgia State.

Whether in one degree or two, a student may not graduate with more than two majors. (For example, a student may not earn a B.S. with a double major in Economics and Psychology and also a B.A. in English. This would constitute three majors and would not be permissible.)

Students who wish to earn double majors should consult with the Student Advisement Center or the Office of Academic Assistance of their current college and, if the second major is offered by another college in the university, with the Office of Academic Assistance of the relevant college for information on procedures to follow.

The Dean of the Honors College may, in exceptional circumstances, allow a student in the honors program to complete three majors in one or two degrees.

Rationale:

There are a handful of exceptional high-ability students for whom a triple appropriate. This motion allows the Dean of the Honors College to make this decision. This removes the need for a petition and will allow better advice to students.