

The Difference Between Double Major and Double Degree

Double Major (or Dual Major):

- Two (or more) majors on the same degree
- Both majors must be from the same College
- Get one diploma with both majors on it
- E.g., BS in both CS and ECE

Double Degree (do *not* call it a Dual Degree, there is no such thing):

- Must also be getting, or have gotten, a full degree in something else
- Requires at least 32 additional credits
- Get two diplomas
- E.g., BS in Sustainability

Double Degrees

A student may earn two different degrees simultaneously. The degrees may be offered by the same college, or by different colleges. To earn double degrees, a student must complete a minimum of 32 credits above the minimum number of credits needed for one of the degrees. Advisors complete a separate graduation audit for each of the degrees. The student receives two diplomas. The international degree is one example of a double degree. The double degree may be earned concurrently or subsequently. (See Academic Regulations #26.) The student's academic record will list each degree with its major, e.g. Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Bachelor of Arts in English.

Dual (or Multiple) Majors

A student may earn two or more majors within a single degree program. It is sometimes possible to complete two or more majors within the minimum number of credits required for a degree, but usually the student must complete additional credits to complete requirements for all of their majors. For this reason, dual majors are most often obtained within the same college. The advisor must complete one graduation audit that includes all of the majors. The student's academic record will list one degree with two or more majors, e.g. Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Chemistry. The student receives one diploma. Dual majors may be obtained concurrently with the completion of the degree, or in some cases may be earned as a credential subsequent to completion of the degree. (See Academic Regulations #27.)

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