

Amendment to Senate Bill FS 10.11.017B

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BACKGROUND: Through several matters brought to the attention of the Academic Standards Committee, it has become evident that **both minimum grade standards for courses required in or for the major or minor as well as rules for double-counting courses between majors and minors are being interpreted inconsistently across departments.** To address this problem, **the Committee is proposing a set of consistent catalogue terminology that will be accepted by all departments.** The Committee would like to stress that this endeavor is intended for clarification and transparency purposes only and is not seeking to alter or impose changes in the curriculum. For example, terms such as “Related Requirements”, “Also Required”, and “Additional Requirements”, etc., have been assumed to hold a C- minimum grade requirement by some programs but merely a passing grade (D-) by others. Similarly, it has been questioned if courses in these categories are prohibited from fulfilling requirements for a student’s minor as well.

PROPOSAL: The Committee proposes the use of the following three distinct categories: Major/Minor, Related A, and Related B. These categories will be distinguished by their minimum grade requirements and their restrictions on double-counting.

Guidelines and Distinctions of the Three Categories

Major/Minor: those courses **in** the major (minor), typically offered by the department owning the major

- Minimum grade of C- required
- No course may be used to fulfill **both** a Major and Minor requirement.
- Maximum of 8 credits may be counted toward Study Area requirements and maximum of 8 credits may be counted toward Skill Area requirements (unchanged from current restrictions)

Related A: those courses **in** the major (minor), but typically offered by another department

- Minimum grade of C- required
- May be used to fulfill an unlimited number of general education and/or Major/Minor requirements

Related B: those courses not typically **in** the major (minor), but required **for** the major (minor)

- Minimum grade of D- required
- May be used to fulfill an unlimited number of general education and/or Major/Minor requirements

A major (minor) might have no Related A or Related B courses. Note that this does not affect majors/minors/programs/degrees which currently maintain higher minimum grade standards or have further restrictions on double-counting.

The following is a hypothetical major and the grouping of its coursework according to the above three categories:

Dental Hygiene Major

Major Courses	Related A Courses	Related B Courses
DH 100	BMS 100	COMM 115
DH 101	CHEM 100	CS 100
DH 102		
DH 200		
DH 300		
DH 400		

Please note that in order to maintain consistency, two sections of the catalogue will need to be changed as follows (regarding double-counting and graduation standards):

“A maximum of 8 credits in the study area portion and a maximum of 8 credits in the skill area portion of the general education program may be fulfilled by ***Major/Minor Courses*** that are designated as applicable to general education, with no more than 8 credits total from any one field of study.”

“For graduation a student must maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 and receive grades of C- or better in all ***Major/Minor and Related A Courses***, with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 in the ***Major/Minor Courses***, and complete a minimum of 122 or 130 credits, depending on one's major. The School of Education and Professional Studies and the School of Business may have different requirements. For more information about the School of Education & Professional Studies, click [here](#). For the School of Business, [here](#).”