



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Liberal Arts Undergraduate Student Services

HOW TO APPLY FOR A DOUBLE MAJOR/DEGREE

Combined Degree Plan (Double Degree)

Students may pursue a program to qualify for two bachelor's degrees, either a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree from different departments, or two Bachelor of Arts or two Bachelor of Science degrees, with the second degree from another college. Students must declare the double degree no later than the semester in which they will complete 95 hours. They must have and maintain at least a 2.5 GPR cumulative and in the majors (or the minimum departmental GPR requirement in the major, whichever is higher) with at least a 2.5 GPR in at least 9 hours in the second field of study at the time of declaration. Transfer students who enter with a junior classification must file for the double degree no later than the end of their second semester in attendance. Before declaring the double degree, students must consult with the appropriate advisors and deans to formulate the combined degree plan. Candidates for a double bachelor's degree must have been in residence at least two academic years and must complete all essential work of the second curriculum not covered in the first. To qualify for the double degree, the student must complete a minimum of 30 semester hours more than the higher of credit hours required for either degree.

Double Major

Instead of a major and a minor field, students in the College of Liberal Arts may elect to have two major fields of study. Both majors may be within the college, or one major may be outside the college, provided both majors lead to the same baccalaureate degree (i.e. BA or BS in both). Students must declare a double major no later than the semester in which they will complete 95 hours. They must have and maintain at least a 2.5 GPR cumulative and in the majors (or the minimum departmental GPR requirement in the major, whichever is higher) with at least a 2.5 GPR in at least 9 hours in the second field of study at the time of declaration. Transfer students who enter with junior classification must file for the double major no later than the end of their second semester in attendance. The following requirements must be met: the student must (1) satisfy all University and college requirements; (2) complete all required courses in each major, if both majors are in the College of Liberal Arts (i.e., take all courses which are specifically listed in each regular degree program); and (3) in cases where one major is in the College of Liberal Arts and the other major is in another college, the student shall take in his or her liberal arts major field of study the same number of credit hours required of regular majors in that field and also satisfy whatever conditions are set by the other college for its major field.

Failure to maintain at least a 2.5 GPR cumulative and in the majors (or the minimum departmental GPR requirement in the major(s), whichever is higher) will result in cancellation of double major/degree status and reversion to a single major.

To apply for a double major or double degree:

- 1) Meet with an academic advisor in the Office of the Dean, Undergraduate Student Services. Review your academic history and determine whether you are eligible to apply.
- 2) Complete and sign part I of the College's "Petition for a Second Major" or "Petition for a Second Degree" form.
- 3) Meet with the advisor of your proposed second major/degree and discuss your plan. For a second major Part IV of the "Petition for a Second Major" form must be signed by the proposed major advisor and list the course work you will need to complete to fulfill the second major.
- 4) Meet with your current major advisor and discuss your plan. Ask the advisor to complete and sign part II.
- 5) Return the form to the Office of the Dean, Undergraduate Student Services for review. You will be notified and if approved your choice of major/degree will be entered into your degree audit.

If you have further questions, contact the Office of the Dean, Undergraduate Student Services at 979-845-5143 or by e-mail at advising@libarts.tamu.edu