

Second Bachelor's Degree Policy Update

With the addition of the Counseling and Student Services major to the School of Education's program offering, it has become apparent that the policies which have governed the pursuit of a second degree by education students needs to be modified to include a non-teaching major.

The current policy (see below) has the School of Education dictating how many credit hours from the education degree a student can count towards a second degree offered by another college/school.

Students with a requirement term of Summer 2017 or later must earn at least 36 education credit hours and 18 credit hours in the major of the second degree on the IUB campus.

The student must complete at least 27 unique credit hours in the major of the second degree.

If approved the proposal would simplify the policy by allowing the college/school offering the second degree to determine how many credit hours from the education degree may count towards their degree.

This policy change will be effective for all degree seeking students currently attending IUB once approved by all SoE committees.

Second Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Only students who meet the following academic standards will be eligible to pursue a second degree outside the School of Education:

- Certified into the School of Education.
- Be admitted to a second degree granting school at IUB before applying for a concurrent second degree through the School of Education.
- Have earned at least a 2.50 Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA).
- Have earned at least a 2.50 GPA in the content/major of the education degree and the required GPA in the content/major of the proposed second degree.
- Be in good academic standing according to School of Education policy.

Certain degree combinations are prohibited:

- ~~A student may not pursue a major and minor in the same discipline or a major in the second degree that is substantially the same as the major or concentration of the education degree (i.e., Social Studies with history as the primary subject and History through the College of Arts and Sciences.)~~ a second degree that is the same as the content area of the education major (i.e., B.S. in education: World Language: Spanish Education major and a B.A. or B.S. from the College of Arts and Sciences in Spanish.)
- A student may not simultaneously pursue degrees at the undergraduate and graduate levels or enter graduate status while pursuing a second undergraduate degree (exception: B.S. / M.S.Ed. in Secondary Education).

All second degree requirements must be successfully completed:

- The School of Education degree will be recorded as the first degree.
- A student must complete all general education and major requirements for both majors to earn a second degree.
- ~~SoE residency requirements for the second degree will be considered to be fulfilled by the following:~~
 - ~~Students with a requirement term of Summer 2017 or later must earn at least 36 education credit hours and 18 credit hours in the major of the second degree on the IUB campus.~~
 - The student must complete at least 27 unique credit hours in the major of the second degree. The academic department offering the second degree will determine how many credit hours from the education degree may count towards the second degree.
- The requirement term for a second degree will be the student's IUB matriculation date.
- A student must submit a separate graduation application for each degree he/she is pursuing.
- A student must graduate with both/all undergraduate degrees simultaneously.