

TO: SUNY Cortland Faculty Senate

FROM: Educational Policy Committee

DATE: March 31, 2023

RE: Inclusion of second major and degree policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to define the requirements for an undergraduate student to earn a second major or a second bachelor's degree. The current catalog does not address these circumstances. The proposed changes will align SUNY Cortland policy with [SUNY Policy](#).

Add to section: [A. Academic Information](#) section of catalog policies

Include the following after A.04 Change of Major

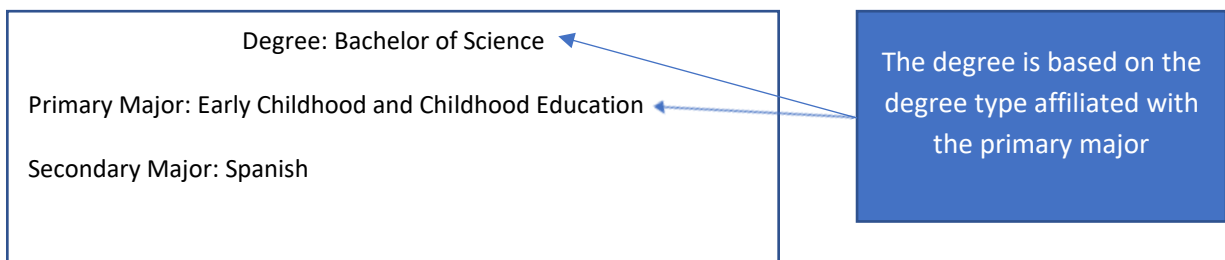
A.05 Dual Majors and Dual Bachelor's Degrees

Dual Major

A dual major is when a student earns one degree with two majors. Students may earn a dual major under the following conditions:

- One must be designated as the primary, and the other as the secondary major. The student will be awarded the degree (e.g., BA or BS) of the major listed as primary.
- There must be at least 15 credit hours of difference in coursework completed for the two majors.
- Any financial aid implications of completing a second major are the responsibility of the student.

Example: This student would earn a Bachelor of Science with majors in Early Childhood and Childhood Education as well as Spanish.

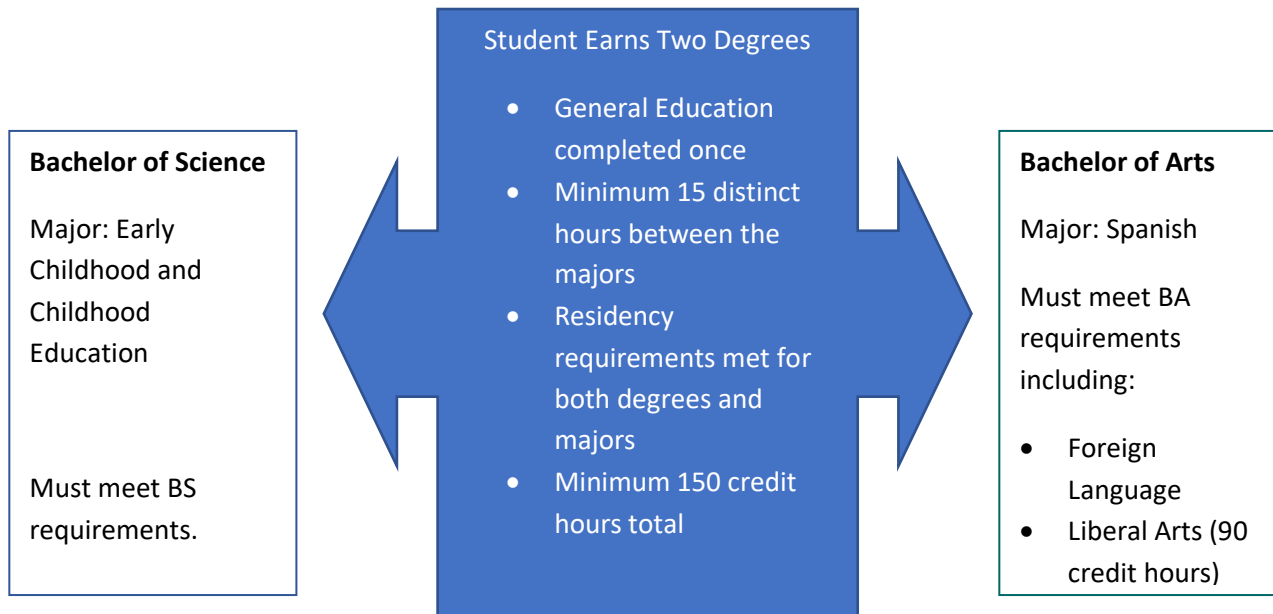


Dual Bachelor's Degrees

A student may simultaneously earn dual bachelor's degrees (e.g., BA and BS), subject to the following conditions:

- The degree requirements (e.g., liberal arts credit hours and foreign language) and college residency requirements associated with each degree must be met.
- The two degree types must be different. For example, a student cannot earn two BA degrees concurrently.
- There must be at least 15 credit hours of difference in coursework completed between the majors of the two degrees.
- A minimum of 150 credit hours must be completed.
- Any financial aid implications of completing a second degree are the responsibility of the student.

Example: This student would earn two degrees, a BS in Early Childhood and Childhood Education and a BA in Spanish.



Addendum

Definitions as listed in the [undergraduate catalog](#)

Degree - Degrees offered are Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.).

Students pursuing curricula leading to the conferral of multiple degrees must complete all the degree requirements for each program as delineated in the College Catalog. The conferral of multiple baccalaureate degrees is reserved as a means of recognizing that a candidate has competencies in essentially different areas. To establish that competency the student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours that are unique to each program.

Questions or interpretations regarding this policy will be resolved by the deans of the respective schools and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Major - A major is an approved program of study leading to a bachelor of arts (B.A.), bachelor of fine arts (B.F.A.), bachelor of science (B.S.), or bachelor of science in education (B.S.Ed.). Majors require a minimum of 30 credit hours of discipline-specific courses. Majors must have a minimum of 15 credit hours of discipline-specific courses at the 300 level or above.