Double Degrees Policy

A student can earn a double degree (e.g., BA vs. BS, BA vs. BED) only when the degrees are earned in different disciplines. A student whose first degree was earned from St. Ambrose University or another accredited college or university, must complete all requirements for the new degree with a minimum of 30 credits earned beyond those applied towards the previous degree (see residency rule).

Double Majors Policy

The purpose of a double major is to broaden a student’s college education. When declaring more than one major, the student will designate one major as the primary major with the Office of the Registrar. This major determines the college within which the student is matriculating and the degree which will be conferred when all graduation requirements for the primary major have been met.

Additional criteria:

- All admission and retention requirements for each of the declared majors must be met.
- All graduation requirements for each major must be met when completing a double major. This includes pre-requisite courses specified by each major.
- There must be at least 15 credits of unique and non-overlapping coursework in each major.
- In departments that offer more than one degree option (i.e., BA vs BS, BA vs BED) in the same discipline, the student can complete only one of them.
- A student may not pursue more than two majors concurrently without permission from the Registrar.

A Double Major differs from a Double Degree in that the student will only receive one diploma. The official transcript will note the degree with both majors listed.

Minor Policy

A Minor is defined as a coherent program of study which provides a student with knowledge of and competency in an area outside his/her major. Typically, a minor has less depth than a major, but it does expose the student to the foundational methods and areas of inquiry associated with a given discipline. Minors may be completed to complement, or as an addition to a major. A minor generally consists of 15 to 18 distinct credit hours. The curriculum and associated requirements for a minor are determined by the academic department offering the minor.

An interdisciplinary minor consists of coursework on a theme or issue that is particularly suited for investigation from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. (Examples include Environmental Studies, Justice and Peace, Pre-Law).
A major and a minor may not be taken in the same degree program (e.g., a student majoring in history may not complete a minor in history). A student must complete the requirements for the minor at the same time he/she is completing the bachelor's degree. Minor(s) will not be added retroactively to a student record after the major degree is conferred.

Concentration Policy

A Concentration is a coherent and specialized course of study within a student's major degree program. The academic department may determine if a given concentration is an optional or required component of the major. A concentration generally includes 12 to 15 credit hours of specialized coursework, and can only be earned as part of a major, not separate from one.

Certificate Policy

A Certificate is a course of study that provides specialty skills or competencies that lead to employment, post-employment credentialing, sustained employment, advancement or promotion in a recognized occupation. A Certificate can be earned separately from a major.