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SUBSEQUENT AND CONCURRENT BACHELOR DEGREE

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PURPOSE

This policy is to establish criteria and regulations to govern completion of a subsequent or concurrent bachelor degree at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV).

SCOPE

This policy applies to students who wish to complete more than one bachelor degree. It does not apply to students combining options within a degree, such as a double major.

DEFINITIONS

In this policy, the following definitions apply:

Concurrent degree: Admission to two UFV degree programs at the same time, with either simultaneous or overlapping enrolment.

Degree option: Formal areas of academic specialization that may be chosen within a degree, such as majors, minors, extended minors, or concentrations, etc.

Different degree: UFV degrees with a different name (e.g,. Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care and Bachelor of Arts). A degree from another university is considered different from a UFV degree if it has different academic content; the determination does not depend on the name alone.

Discipline: A subject of study.

Distinctly different discipline: Academic emphasis in a different subject, as determined by significantly different academic content, not by the name alone.

Principal area of study: The main discipline(s) emphasized in the degree content.

Subsequent degree: An additional bachelor degree obtained after completion of a bachelor degree.

POLICY

Two bachelor degrees will not be given for substantially the same body of work.

Completion of two or more bachelor degrees may be permitted when the principal areas of study are in distinctly different disciplines and there is a significant difference in academic content. To graduate with an additional degree, a student is required to complete extra credit at UFV beyond that taken towards the initial degree.

The Regulations section includes further detail on the criteria for completion of more than one bachelor degree.

REGULATIONS

The Office of the Provost and VP Academic will develop and maintain procedures for subsequent and concurrent bachelor degrees.

Whether a student's enrolment in multiple bachelor degrees is to be sequential or concurrent, the following regulations apply:

a) The student must apply for admission and meet all admission requirements for the UFV degree(s).

b) A student who holds a four year bachelor degree from UFV or another recognized institution, may be permitted to pursue a subsequent bachelor degree, whether a different degree or the same degree, provided the principal area of study is in a distinctly different discipline from the first degree.

c) Students with a previous three-year degree may be permitted to complete a subsequent four year degree with the principal area of study in the same subject.

d) A student may be permitted to pursue two different UFV degrees (see definition) concurrently provided the principal area of study is in a distinctly different discipline and there is a realistic opportunity for the student to pursue both programs at the same time.

e) Admission to a subsequent or concurrent degree requires approval by the dean or designate responsible for the UFV degree(s). Approval will not be given when the dean or designate deems there is significant overlap in academic content with the initial degree. The guideline is that less than approximately 2/3 of the credits from the first degree apply to the graduation requirements for the additional degree.

f) A UFV graduate may be permitted to take the courses to complete the requirements of a higher degree option in the same discipline (e.g., a major following a minor, provided the option is available within the same degree). Upon completion, a notation will be made on the transcript that the requirements of the higher option were completed. No adjustment will be made to the degree awarded.

g) A student may not complete the same or a lesser option (i.e., an option requiring fewer courses) in the same or a closely related discipline in an additional degree as one previously completed.

h) A student admitted to a subsequent or concurrent degree may not change their degree options(s) without approval of the dean or designate.

Graduation requirements

To graduate with a subsequent or concurrent degree, the student must be admitted to the degree, and is required to do the following:

a) complete *at least* 1/3 of the total credits required for the additional degree, including at least 30 additional upper level credits, beyond the credits taken in the first or concurrent degree. All 30 upper level credits must be obtained through completion of UFV courses.

b) meet all graduation requirements for the UFV degree(s) and any degree options, including the residency requirement. In some programs residency requirements may exceed 1/3 of the total credits for the program.

APPENDICES

Procedures for Subsequent and Concurrent Bachelor Degrees will be published on the UFV website.