

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – SUPERIOR

Policy Subject: **Second Baccalaureate Degree (number AP1120)**

Cabinet Division: **Registrar's Office (Enrollment Management)**

Date Revised: 4/19/11 (approved by Faculty Senate)

I. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 The UAAC requested the language for this policy be revised based on the fact that a current student was mis-advised by three separate advisors who mis-understood the current policy language. Advisors informed this transfer student since he already had a bachelor's degree, he did not have to earn a minor from UWS to be awarded a degree from UWS.
- 1.2 The student petitioned to the Credits Committee. The Credits Committee referred the matter to the UAAC. The UAAC approved the student's request and asked the Registrar to re-write the policy language so it could be more easily understood by the students, faculty and advisors.
- 1.3 Previous to this policy the Registrar's Office would post a new major onto a previous degree for all UW-Superior alum who returned to earn a second degree from UW-Superior.

II. Constraints

- 2.1 This policy will make it more difficult for transfer students, who are seeking to earn a second bachelor's degree from UW-Superior in a non-comprehensive major (when the prior degree was from another institution).

III. Definitions

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IV. Policy Statements

- 4.1 **UW-Superior Alum who wish to earn a second UW-Superior degree.**
Beginning Fall 2011, students, who have earned a baccalaureate degree from UW-Superior, may not return to UWS to seek a second major that will be attached to the UW-Superior degree already earned; rather students will be required to earn a second degree.

- 4.1.1 Students, who have earned a baccalaureate degree from UW-Superior, and who wish to earn a second, distinct undergraduate degree from UW-Superior must complete a minimum of 30 additional semester undergraduate credits from UW-Superior, subsequent to the awarding of the first degree. Requirements for a second major must be completed AS WELL AS requirements for a third major or a minor (if the second major sought is not a comprehensive major). This means students seeking a second baccalaureate degree from UW-Superior must have a minimum of 150 earned degree-seeking credits. Students must apply for and pay the graduation application fee for a second degree.

For example, a student can be awarded a BS degree in biology and a BS degree in chemistry, assuming s/he has met the requirements of both majors and have earned at least 150 credits from UWS. Students MAY use the same credits to satisfy requirements for more than one major or for a major and minor (double-dipping IS allowed).

- 4.2 **Transfer Students who wish to earn a second baccalaureate degree.**
Students with a baccalaureate degree from any other accredited institution who wish to earn a second baccalaureate degree from UW-Superior must complete a minimum of 30 additional semester undergraduate credits from UW-Superior. These 30 credits cannot be from the original degree (from the transfer institution).
- 4.2.1 Transfer students must complete the requirements of a UW-Superior major AND a UW-Superior minor or third major (if not a comprehensive major). This means students, who already hold a baccalaureate degree, seeking a second baccalaureate degree from UW-Superior, must have a minimum of 150 earned degree-seeking credits. Students must apply for and pay the graduation application fee.

V. Policy Procedures

- 5.1 Procedures for students applying to graduate, degree progress checks, awarding of degree, receipt of diploma and transcript notation will not change due to this policy language change.

VI. Compliance

- 6.1 Approved by UAAC (4/12/11), Faculty Senate (4/19/11) and Chancellor Erlenbach (4/21/11)
- 6.2 No consequences
- 6.3 Faculty, Department Chairs are aware of this policy change.

VII. Attachments

- 7.1 no attachments