# Double Major/ Dual Degree Requirements UM catalog spring 2018: ASCRC Revision

Summary and Rationale:The issue was brought to ASCRC based on confusion over:

1. How dual degrees and double majors are issued. There is an apparent historical error whereby double majors are (improperly?) awarded across bachelor degree types (e.g. a double major in a BS and in a BA area). Should this be allowed and in what circumstances? Is this a dual degree or a double major?
2. The current catalog language is vague and confusing in terms of defining a “dual degree” and a “double major”. Some international students anticipate receipt of two diplomas for earning a double major.
3. The Registrar reports that under the current system UM may be improperly reporting (degrees awarded) to the BOR, the state of MT and the Federal government; and units/Depts. awarding degrees may not be credited properly.
4. UM student transcripts may not be clear or accurate in describing degrees and majors awarded.

## Revised Catalog Language

**Bachelor Degrees [Revised]**

A minimum total of 120 credits is required for graduation with a bachelor degree in most academic programs offered by the University of Montana. A greater number is required in some specific programs; students should consult the appropriate catalog section for their program of interest and discuss their plans with an academic advisor.

Students may elect to earn more than one degree or major at the bachelor level. Available options include a “double major” or “dual degree”:

* A “double major” is awarded as one degree with one diploma that may list two or more majors. The graduating student with multiple majors must fulfill the curricular requirements for two or more majors as well as all other requirements for graduation. Two majors will normally be within a single classification of bachelor’s degree (e.g. Bachelor of Sciences). Alternatively, the student may fulfill requirements for two majors across degree classes. In this case the student must declare a primary major that determines the type of degree awarded (BS, BA, etc.) that will be printed on the student’s diploma and transcript. The secondary major shall be annotated on the student transcript as completed.
* A “dual degree” is awarded as two degrees with two diplomas (e.g. Bachelor Sciences and a Bachelor of Arts). The student must fulfill all of the program requirements for each of the separate bachelor degrees and must comply with the Residency Requirements for Degrees/Certificates (below) for each degree. The two, dual (or multiple) degrees may be earned concurrently or at different times but all dual degree graduates must complete a minimum of 150 credits by completing an additional 30 credits for each subsequent bachelor degree. However, note that academic residency requirements apply differently for University of Montana graduates versus non-graduates seeking dual or subsequent degrees, so the requirements may differ.,

General education requirements need only be met once for either a double major or dual degree.

**Upper-Division Requirement**

**… [Unchanged]**

**Residency Requirements for Degrees/Certificates**

**… [Unchanged]**

**Requirements for the First Bachelor Degree [Unchanged except for title]**

A first bachelor degree is defined as any bachelor degree earned by a student who has not previously earned a bachelor degree from the University of Montana-Missoula. Thus, the requirements below also apply to any student who previously earned a bachelor degree at another institution and now is seeking a bachelor degree from the University of Montana-Missoula.

1. A minimum of 30 credits of the required number must be earned from the University of Montana-Missoula.
2. A minimum of 30 credits of the required number must be earned in study on the University of Montana-Missoula campus.
3. Of the last 45 credits required for the degree, at least 30 of these must be earned from the University of Montana- Missoula. Students attending elsewhere on a University approved exchange may be exempt from this requirement with the prior written approval of their major department chair or dean.

**Requirements for the Second Bachelor Degree [REVISED]**

In regard to residency requirements, a “second bachelor degree” is defined as any bachelor degree earned by a student who previously had earned a bachelor degree from the University of Montana-Missoula; they have met first degree residency requirements and need only do so once. Students seeking a second bachelor degree or “dual degree” from the University of Montana must complete all academic requirements for each degree (first and subsequent) and earn a minimum of 150 credits by completing an additional 30 credits for each subsequent bachelor degree. For students who have met first degree residency requirements, a minimum of 20 credits of the required additional 30 credits must be earned in study on the University of Montana-Missoula campus.

Students attending the University of Montana who are not University of Montana graduates, but already have a bachelor degree from another institution must meet University of Montana residency “Requirements for The First Bachelor Degree” (above) for the subsequent degree that they are now seeking. This will require at least 30 additional credits of course work to be earned from the University of Montana-Missoula campus with 30 of the last 45 credits earned from University of Montana-Missoula. Students attending elsewhere on a University approved exchange may be exempt from this requirement with the prior written approval of their major department chair or dean.

**Transcription of double majors and dual degrees [NEW]**

All majors, minors, degrees and certificates earned from the University of Montana shall be clearly and specifically listed on official transcripts under a single degree or as separate dual/multiple degrees, as appropriate.