



SENATE POLICY

Policy on Additional Degrees

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PREAMBLE

This policy governs applicants to University of Windsor degree programs who possess either a degree from an accredited post-secondary institution or are currently enrolled in a University of Windsor degree program. Specifically, it governs upgrades, subsequent degrees, and coincident degrees. This policy allows individuals to obtain additional degrees in different areas of study, or in the same area of study provided that the additional degrees are at a higher level. This is to:

- Ensure fairness of opportunity, e.g., in competitions for scholarships, to all students by allowing only one opportunity to achieve a particular degree.
- Hold our degrees and those of our sister institutions in high regard by recognizing that an earned degree is a mark of achievement and that a repetition of that degree does not enhance its value.
- Recognize that while the content of a degree program may change over time, the intrinsic value of the body of knowledge as recognized by the degree does not.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Degree programs will normally be considered to be in the same area of study where 2/3 of the major course requirements overlap with the major course requirements of the prior degree(s). The final determination of whether the additional degree is in the same area of study and/or at a higher level than the applicant's existing degree lies with the appropriate AAU Head.

The University uses "general degree" to mean a 30 course program of study and uses "honours degree", "major degree" and professional honours degree to mean a program requiring at least 40 courses. A major degree is given to students in a BA, BComm, BFS or BSc honours program that do not meet the honours major average requirement at the time of graduation. By professional honours degree we mean the undergraduate degree programs: BASc, BComm, BHK, BSW, BScN, or JD.

In all cases, all regulations must be fulfilled before an upgrade, subsequent or coincident degree is granted. This includes residency requirements, if any. Further, Faculty of Education (05-) courses cannot be used towards any other degree.

Upgrades

Graduates with a general degree may apply to an honours degree in the same program. If an honours or a major degree is awarded, it will supersede the general degree. The applicant may count a maximum of thirty courses towards the honours or major degree. Graduates with a major degree who have improved their major average may apply for the honours degree, and consequently, rescind their major degree.

Students applying for admission to Bachelor of Commerce (Honours Business Administration) program after completing the Bachelor of Business Studies (BBS) degree will be evaluated under the admission requirements of the BComm at the time of the student's application. It is possible that some BBS courses will not be credited towards the BComm degree. Students may retain only one of these degrees; rescinding the other.

Subsequent Degrees

Applicants with one or more undergraduate degrees may apply to a different program leading to a subsequent general, honours, or professional honours undergraduate degree. The applicant may count a maximum of twenty courses towards a subsequent general or professional honours degree; and thirty courses towards a subsequent honours degree. The applicant may rescind one degree to reduce the number of courses required for the subsequent degree. If the student has a minor in the area of a subsequent degree, the minor will be rescinded.

Applicants with one honours or professional honours degree may not receive another honours or professional honours degree combining the area of study in their first honours or professional honours degree with another. Likewise, applicants with a double major honours or double major professional honours degree may not receive a subsequent general, honours or professional degree in either area of study of the double major.

Students with a University of Windsor BEngTech degree may apply to the BAsC program. All BEngTech engineering courses successfully completed with a grade of 60% or better may be counted towards the BAsC program, provided the course(s) fit(s) within the program requirements of the BAsC program in which the student has been admitted. Once the BAsC requirements are met, both degrees will appear on their transcript. Students who received a four year degree in a technical subject in Science, if admitted into the BEngTech program, may be asked to take additional courses in Engineering beyond the minimum requirements and up to four of the courses in their original degree can be counted towards the BEngTech program, if appropriate. Students with a BAsC degree will not be admitted to a BEngTech degree.

Coincident Degrees

Applicants registered in one degree program may apply to complete a second degree in a different program coincidentally, *i.e.*, at the same time. In such cases, the applicant may count a maximum of twenty courses towards a general or professional honours degree; and thirty courses towards a honours degree.

GRADUATE DEGREES

The Dean of Graduate Studies in consultation with the appropriate AAU Head will determine if an applicant to a master's or doctoral program has an equivalent or superior degree in the same area of study.