

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #181, March 5, 2012:

**MOTION:**

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degree requirements as indicated below:

EFFECTIVE:      Fall 2012

RATIONALE:      There are many cases in which a course might be required for a major or a minor (example: PSY F101 for a BA in Psychology) but that course also carries a General Education designator (such as “S” for Social Sciences). Strictly interpreted the way it’s written, the PSY F101 could not be counted toward the required credits in Social Sciences and Humanities, no matter how many PSY credits were earned (say, 36). This would have the unintended and unfortunate consequence of requiring well over 120 credits for a B.A. degree and well over 130 for a B.S. degree if the language is not altered. This is something that has been broadly misunderstood in the advising community for many years (ever since the inception of the Core, as far as we can tell). This was brought before Curricular Affairs in 2009 and both the Registrar’s Office and the Academic Advising Center was under the impression this change had already taken place.

Note that with this change, no credits used toward the major could be used toward GERs until they have gone over 30, or for a minor over 15.

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CAPS = additions

[[ ]] = deletions

2011-12 *UAF Catalog*: Pages 136, Beyond the Core:

Under Bachelor of Arts, first column, paragraph after “Minimum credits required for degree”:

Of the above, at least 39 credits must be taken in upper-division (300-level or higher) courses. Courses beyond 30 credits in a major complex and 15 credits in a minor complex [[that are not in the primary discipline of that major or minor]] may be used to fulfill the B.A. degree requirements in humanities, social sciences or mathematics. Courses used to fulfill [[minor degree]] requirements **FOR A MINOR** may be used at the same time to fill major or general distribution requirements if so designated.

Similarly, under Bachelor of Science, second column:

Of the above, at least 39 credits must be taken in upper-division (300-level or higher) courses. Courses beyond 30 credits in a major complex and 15 credits in a minor complex [[that are not in the primary discipline of that major or minor]] may be used to fulfill the B.S. degree requirements in mathematics or natural science. Courses used to fulfill [[minor degree]] requirements **FOR A MINOR** may be used at the same time to fill major or general distribution requirements if so designated.

*Jennifer A. Reynolds for Cahill*  
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President, UAF Faculty Senate Date 3/5/12

APPROVAL: *[Signature]*  
Chancellor's Office

DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> ~~5th~~ March 12

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Chancellor's Office

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