

Motion

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to revise the catalog statements on the requirements for an undergraduate minor as indicated below:

Minors

A minor is a component of a bachelor's degree. The Bachelor of Arts ~~and Bachelor of Arts and Sciences~~ degrees requires a minor. ~~You must satisfactorily complete the requirements for a minor before a B.A. or B.A.S. degree can be awarded.~~ A minor is optional for ~~Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business Administration, and Bachelor of Emergency Management~~ degrees ***all other Bachelor degrees.***

A minor from UAF consists of a minimum of 15 credits, at least 3 of which have to be earned at UAF. Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (C) in the minor and follow minor requirements from the same academic catalog used for their bachelor's program. An Associate of Applied Science degree or certificate of at least 30 credits earned at any regionally accredited college or university may be used to meet requirements for a minor in B.A. ~~and B.A.S.~~ degree programs. ***Only credits in excess of 30 for the major or in excess of 15 for the minor may be double-counted toward both the major and minor.***

Some minors require more than 15 credits and approval from the department. Refer to specific requirements listed in the Bachelor's Degree Program section. Students seeking minors can use DegreeWorks to review their options. Results in DegreeWorks will be more accurate after ~~submitting a declaration of minor form to~~ ***declaring a minor with*** the Office of Admissions and the Registrar ~~by the beginning of the senior year.~~

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2016

RATIONALE:

The catalog currently does not provide guidelines on “double-counting” toward the major and the minor. In its most extreme interpretation, this would allow students to use all of the same courses toward the major and the minor. This practice is not in line with the intent of a minor or the breadth of knowledge inherent in a Bachelor of Arts degree. Allowing credits in excess of the minimums (30 for the major; 15 for the minor) to double-count will not penalize students in programs with a high number of required credits.