

The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Proposal 8-08 revised

(Voting Units: Academic)

SECOND BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Background

A student enrolled at Michigan Technological University who is currently pursuing (or already has) a Baccalaureate degree can obtain a second Baccalaureate degree from Michigan Tech. The current catalog states the requirements as:

Students seeking a second bachelor's degree from Michigan Tech may obtain this degree by earning a minimum of 25 percent of the credits required for the second degree. These credits may not duplicate credits used on the primary or prior degree. The department recommending the candidate for a second degree has the final authority in determining the necessary requirements.

The proposed policy clarifies the catalog guidelines, which first appeared in the Michigan Tech catalog of 1991-1993. A minor change is that the quantity "25 percent of the credits required for the second degree" has been replaced by a specific amount (32 credits). Based on a review of past University Senate proposals, it does not appear as if the Senate has considered a proposal regarding second degrees before.

Note that a "second degree" is different from a "double major," which involves earning a single diploma for two areas of study. It also differs from a "dual degree," which is pursued in cooperation with another university and results in a degree from both institutions.

Proposed Policy

A student enrolled at Michigan Technological University who is currently pursuing (or already has) a Baccalaureate degree can obtain a second Baccalaureate degree from Michigan Tech. Students must initiate the process for obtaining a second degree by completing a degree audit with their second degree advisor. A student earning a second Baccalaureate degree is awarded a separate diploma for the degree.

A student enrolled at Michigan Technological University and pursuing a Baccalaureate degree can earn a second Baccalaureate degree at the same time if they:

- Satisfy the degree requirements for both Baccalaureate programs.
- Earn at least 32 of the credit hours required for the second degree through Michigan Tech without having applied those credits to any other baccalaureate or minor degree program. The academic unit offering the second degree can allow course substitutions provided that the 32 credit hour minimum is maintained.

An enrolled student who already has earned a Baccalaureate degree (either from Michigan Tech or a college or university accepted by Michigan Tech) can obtain a second baccalaureate degree from Michigan Tech if they:

- Satisfy the degree requirements for the second Baccalaureate program.
- Earn at least 32 of the credit hours required for the second degree through Michigan Tech without having applied those credits to any other baccalaureate or minor degree program. The academic unit offering the second degree can allow course substitutions provided that the 32 credit hour minimum is maintained.

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