

Resolution 2017-1. On Removing the Restrictions on Graduation with Multiple Areas of Study for Students Enrolling in a Ninth Semester or Beyond

The Faculty Council enacts that:

Section 1. The Academic Regulation concerning graduation with multiple areas of study for students enrolling in a ninth semester or beyond, as found in the Undergraduate Catalog, is amended as follows, beginning with Spring Semester 2017, for all students:

Requirements for Undergraduate Degree Programs

Students who enter the University as first year students are expected to complete their undergraduate degree in eight semesters. Summer terms are not included in the semester count. Students who wish to attend a ninth semester must submit a written petition to, and receive permission from, their dean's office. Permission to enroll in a ninth semester or beyond must be secured in advance. ~~Students who are granted permission to enroll in an additional semester will graduate with one major only and no minors indicated on the transcript.~~ Permission to enroll in a ninth semester or beyond will not be granted for the sole purpose of completing multiple areas of study (i.e., a secondary major and a minor or two minors). However, students who receive permission to enroll in a ninth semester or beyond for other reasons may retain a secondary major or minor.

Transfer students (who transfer in the UNC–Chapel Hill equivalent of two or more semesters) may enroll in up to 10 total semesters and complete up to three areas of study (i.e., a secondary major and a minor or two minors).

Section 2. The Educational Policy Committee will examine annual data on the number of students enrolling in a ninth semester or beyond beginning in Academic Year 2017-2018 and continuing through Academic Year 2019-2020. The Educational Policy Committee will determine whether enrollment trends suggest the need for any further consideration of the Academic Regulation referenced in Section 1 above.