

4 A BILL TO REVISE UW REGULATION 6-805(3)(d)  
5 REGARDING JOINT DEGREES AWARDED BY THE COLLEGE OF LAW

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7 WHEREAS, the College of Law offers joint degree programs with other colleges and  
8 programs; and

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10 WHEREAS, the American Bar Association requires students to have earned a J.D.  
11 (*juris doctor*) degree in order to sit for a state bar exam; and

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13 WHEREAS, the dates of state bar exams don't coincide with the University of  
14 Wyoming academic calendar and the completion of graduate-level thesis research and  
15 writing; therefore,

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17 BE IT ENACTED by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming to revise UW  
18 Regulation 6-805, "Definition of Concurrent Majors, Dual Degrees, Second Bachelor's  
19 Degree, Interdisciplinary Affiliated Programs, and Minors," to allow students in joint degree  
20 programs with the College of Law who have completed the requirements of the J.D. to  
21 receive the J.D. one full academic term (Spring or Fall) before completion of the final  
22 requirements for their second degree program, as presented in the attached addenda.  
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1 **UW REGULATION 6-805**

2 **Definition of Concurrent Majors, Dual Degrees, Second Bachelor’s Degree,**  
3 **Interdisciplinary Degrees, Affiliated Programs, and Minors**  
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5 **1. PURPOSE.**

6 To define more specifically the variety of degree types that students at the University of  
7 Wyoming may pursue. In particular, to define Concurrent Majors, Dual Degrees, Second  
8 Bachelor’s Degree, Interdisciplinary Degrees, Undergraduate Environment and Natural  
9 Resources (ENR) Major, and Minors.

10 **2. CHARACTERISTICS OF CONCURRENT MAJORS.**

- 11 a. One or more college involved.
- 12 b. Requires approval of all involved departments and colleges.
- 13 c. University requirements met only once.
- 14 d. Must meet all college and major requirements of the primary college/major
- 15 e. Secondary majors will establish their own requirements (which may or may not
- 16 include the college requirements for that college).
- 17 f. Academic advisors will be assigned for each major.
- 18 g. One degree (BS, BA, etc) will be awarded (in the primary college).
- 19 h. Only one diploma will be awarded (with the primary degree listed).
- 20 i. Both majors must be completed by the same date (date of degree awarded).
- 21 j. Both majors will be indicated on the academic transcript.
- 22 k. For accreditation purposes, certain colleges/majors may be required to be
- 23 designated as the primary college/major.
- 24 l. When both majors are within the College of Business, the only concurrent
- 25 Business major will be with Economics.

26 **3. CHARACTERISTICS OF DUAL DEGREES.**

- 27 a. Two or more degrees in one or more colleges.
- 28 b. Multiple degrees awarded.
- 29 c. Multiple diplomas awarded.
- 30 d. Completion date for all degrees must be the same.
  - 31 1) An exception can be made for students enrolled in joint degrees awarded by
  - 32 the College of Law. Students who choose to complete the JD first will be allowed
  - 33 to complete the remaining requirements of the second degree during the academic
  - 34 term (Fall or Spring) that immediately follows the term when the JD was
  - 35 conferred. Failure to complete the second degree within that time frame will
  - 36 result in nullification of the joint status of the two degrees. Students will then be
  - 37 required to complete all requirements of the second degree in order for that degree
  - 38 to be awarded.

- e. University requirements met only once.
- f. All of the college and major requirements for both majors must be met.
- g. Academic advisor in each major.
- h. Must complete at least 30 credit hours at UW (at least 12 at the upper division) beyond the credit hour requirement for the degree with the minimum number of credit hours.

**4. CHARACTERISTICS OF SECOND BACHELOR'S DEGREE.**

- a. Must have already completed one (or more) bachelor's degree(s) at UW or elsewhere.
- b. University requirements must be met.
- c. All of the college and major requirements must be met.
- d. Second degree may have the same title (BA, BS, etc) and may be in the same college as the first degree. In the case of the same college, the second degree must be in a different major.
- e. All previous UW undergraduate coursework is included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.
- f. Courses applied to the first degree may be repeated as part of the second degree, but the original grade and grade point average in the original degree will not be changed.
- g. Must complete a minimum of 30 UW credit hours beyond the hours required for the first degree. At least 12 of these hours must be at the upper division level.

**5. CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY DEGREES.**

Have all of the characteristics of a normally defined major except:

- a. More than one college is involved in the development of this type of degree.
- b. Student has the choice of which college requirements will be met.

**6. CHARACTERISTICS OF UNDERGRADUATE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ENR) MAJOR.**

- a. Similar to a concurrent major in that students must complete the requirements for a major in an "affiliated discipline" as a complement to the requirements set forth by ENR.
- b. Students may select any UW major as their "affiliated discipline."
- c. The "affiliated discipline" will be listed second on the student's transcript – e.g. Environment and Natural Resources/Biology." If a student wishes to reverse the order, he/she must petition the department and the School of Environment and Natural Resources, which will report the change to the Registrar's Office.
- d. For statistical purposes, majors will be counted in the various departments of the "affiliated disciplines."

1 **7. CHARACTERISTICS OF MINORS.**

- 2 a. A student may earn minors in one or more colleges.
- 3 b. A minimum of 12 hours (with a grade of “C” or better in all courses) must be
- 4 earned.
- 5 c. Individual departments may elect to restrict the number of credit hours that may
- 6 count simultaneously toward both the student’s major and the minor.
- 7 d. An academic advisor will be assigned for the minor.
- 8 e. Approval is required from both the major department and the minor department.
- 9 f. The minor will be indicated on the academic transcript, but not on the diploma.
- 10 g. The minor must be completed with or prior to the graduation date associated with
- 11 the student’s major.
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13 **8. DEFINITIONS.**

14 a. University requirements:

- 15 1) Cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better from the University of Wyoming.
- 16 2) Satisfactory completion of the prescribed curriculum in which the degree is
- 17 sought.
- 18 3) Completion of a minimum of 48 upper division semester credit hours, 30 of
- 19 which must be earned at the University of Wyoming. Credit by examination
- 20 does not count towards the required 30 hours of residency credit.
- 21 4) Not more than 24 semester hours of flexible enrollment courses
- 22 (correspondence credit) may be used toward fulfilling requirements for a
- 23 bachelor’s degree.
- 24 5) Not more than 4 semester hours of credit in physical activity courses can
- 25 count toward a bachelor's degree.
- 26 6) The last credit applicable to degree requirements must be earned from the
- 27 University of Wyoming with the following exception: students of senior
- 28 standing may complete degree requirements elsewhere by obtaining special
- 29 permission of the department head, advisor, and college dean, and filing an
- 30 application for a degree before enrolling elsewhere.
- 31 7) Students are not allowed university credit for language courses below the
- 32 4000 level in their native language.
- 33 8) Students will be required to complete assessment activities as determined by
- 34 the University of Wyoming prior to the awarding of degrees.

35 b. University, college and major requirements:

36 As listed in the *General Bulletin* when the student matriculates into a particular

37 major. If a student is absent from the University of Wyoming for one academic

38 year or more, then the student may be required to meet any new requirements that

39 have been developed since the original matriculation date.

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