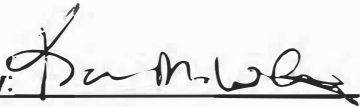


**Office of the Chancellor
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education
Procedures and Standards for University Operations**

**Procedure/Standard Number 2018-34
Subsequent Degrees**

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Related Policies, Procedures or Standards:

[Board of Governors' Policy 1990-06-A: Academic Degrees, Procedure/Standard Number 2012-13 Academic Degrees, Board of Governors' Policy 1999-01-A: The Student Transfer Policy, Board of Governors' Policy 1989-01-A: University Diplomas, and Procedure/Standard Number 2016-24 Graduation Residency Requirements.](#)

Additional References:

I. **Introduction**

The purpose of this procedure and standard is to ensure the integrity of degrees awarded by institutions within Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education when students earn multiple baccalaureate degrees. Determination of requirements for simultaneous completion of more than one degree or more than one major is a local university policy decision.

II. **Definitions**

- A. **More than one degree:** More than one degree is earned to include the associated number of diplomas.
- B. **More than one major:** More than one major is earned to include associated number of degrees, but one diploma is awarded.
- C. **Simultaneous:** Completion of requirements during continuous enrollment.

III. **Procedure/Standard**

This standard applies to all students who seek additional degrees of the same level.

A. Undergraduate Students

1. The following requirements apply to **Students** returning for an additional associate degree(s):
 - Students need to complete a minimum of an additional 15 credits (regardless of number of earned credits of the first degree) and complete degree requirements in effect at time of matriculation for each additional associate degree.
 - Each university will determine the requirements for the currency of prior learning related to the major program of studies.
2. The following requirements apply to post-baccalaureate students returning for an additional baccalaureate degree(s):
 - Students need to complete a minimum of an additional 30 credits (regardless of number of earned credits of the first degree) and complete degree requirements in effect at time of matriculation for each additional baccalaureate degree.
 - Each university will determine the requirements for the currency of prior learning related to the major program of studies.

B. Graduate Students

1. Action for post-master's students returning for an additional master's degree(s):
 - Students need to complete a minimum of an additional 15 credits (regardless of number of earned credits of the first master's degree) and complete degree requirements in effect at time of matriculation for each additional master's degree.
 - Each university will determine the requirements for the currency of prior learning related to the major program of studies.

IV. **Implementation:** Immediately