Title: Program Eligibility: Second or Subsequent Bachelor’s Degree, Concurrent Degrees, Double Major, Major/Minor

Policy No: 1.3

Category: Programs and Curricula

Effective: Fall 2004
Revisions effective: Fall 2007; Fall 2009; Fall 2012; Fall 2013

Policy Statement:
(a) **Second or Subsequent Degrees:** A student may earn a second or subsequent degree differing from the first or previously awarded degree/s. The second or subsequent degree cannot be from the same program (Regents Level III) as the previously awarded degree/s. Refer to policy 1.7 for additional requirements.

(b) **Concurrent Degrees:** A student may earn two undergraduate degrees simultaneously. The degrees must differ at the program level (Regents Level III). The student will receive two diplomas. Refer to policy 1.7 for additional requirements for undergraduate concurrent degrees.

(c) **Double Major/Minor:** A student may earn multiple majors, within an associate degree, a bachelor’s degree or a combination of the two in the same program (Regents Level III). The student will receive one diploma.

(d) **Major/Minor or Multiple Minors:** A student may earn a major and minor or multiple minors in the same program (Regents Level III), as long as the major and minor(s) differ at the major (Regents Level IV) level.

A Bachelor of Science degree in the General Studies program cannot be earned as a second or subsequent degree or a concurrent degree nor can it be part of a double/multiple major. Students must meet degree requirements in effect at the time of initial enrollment in the second or subsequent degree program. First degree or concurrent degree catalog year rights are exhausted when the student graduates.

**OSRHE** | **UCO** | **Example**
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Level I | Degree Level | Associate
Level II | Degree | Bachelor
Level III | Program | History
Level IV | Major | History- Museum Studies

**Academic Degree Program Terms**
When not labeled with the terminology “program” and “major,” the standard format is the name of the program followed by a hyphen and the name of the major, e.g., History–Museum Studies.

**Background:** Policy revised Fall 2013 to meet OSRHE and UDS reporting guidelines for second/subsequent and concurrent degrees. Beginning Fall 2004 through Summer 2013, institutional policy allowed students to obtain a second or subsequent bachelor’s degree in the same program as their first degree. Prior to Fall 2004, students formerly were not
allowed by institutional policy to obtain a second or subsequent bachelor’s degree in the same program as their first bachelor’s degree.

**Purpose:** Establish guidelines for second/subsequent degrees, concurrent degrees, double major/minor, and major/minor or multiple minors.

**Implementation Date:** Fall 2004

**Related Procedures:** Policy 1.6 Double Counting (Overlapping), 1.7 Second or Subsequent Undergraduate Degree or Concurrent Degree Requirements

**Coordinating Offices:** Enrollment Management, Academic Advising, Degree Certification

**Point-of-Contact for Academic Affairs:** Assistant V.P. for Enrollment/Registrar

**Academic VP Signature for revision:** _____________________________Date: ______

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