

Title: Degree Text on Diploma	Policy No: 7.5
Category: Graduation/Commencement	Effective: Fall 2010

Policy Statement: The text on the diploma of UCO will announce the student's declared degree, i.e. Bachelor of Education; Bachelor of Business Administration. If a student is receiving a dual degree (two degrees simultaneously), then he/she will receive two diplomas each stating the degree granted. The UCO transcript is the official document of the institution and will state the degree earned, major/minor(s) and date of conferment.

Background: UCO has traditionally printed the degree granted on the diploma which remains consistent with most regional universities. "Customizing" diplomas to accommodate multiple degrees/majors/minors compromises the legitimacy of UCO's standardized diploma. A request was made by UCO's Student Association (UCOSA) in November, 2004 to list the major on the diploma. The UCOSA minutes reflect denial of this request.

UCO shall also adhere to OSHRE Policy 3.13.4:

All diplomas awarded shall be conferred with authorization of the State Regents by the institution where the student has completed requirements for a degree program. Diplomas awarded shall be in a uniform format prescribed by the State Regents as described below.

A. The diploma shall bear the seal of the State Regents and shall contain the signatures of the chairman, the secretary, and the chancellor.

B. Diplomas awarded shall bear the names of officers of the State Regents serving in the current fiscal year.

C. For the institution, the diploma shall bear the signatures of the chairman of the governing board, the president of the institution, and one academic officer.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to clarify what is printed on UCO diplomas.

Implementation: Spring 2011

Coordinating Offices:

Academic Affairs Point-of-Contact: Registrar, Enrollment Management

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