

REGULATIONS GOVERNING MAJORS AND MINORS

Established Majors

- a. Majors require a minimum of 30 semester hours.
 - b. Each major must be developed and monitored by an approved program committee of the faculty; new or substantially revised majors require the approval of the Board of Trustees based on recommendations from the program committee, the appropriate school/college governance bodies, the Academic Dean, appropriate university governance bodies, the Chief Academic Officer, and the President.
 - c. Beyond the minimum coursework requirement, the content, structure, and extent of a major are prerogatives of the individual program committees within the schools and colleges of the university, except as otherwise defined or restricted by the academic regulations.
 - d. No "D" grade may apply to an academic major, either on the required or selected list. Secondary Education licensure candidates must earn a "C" or better in all education courses (with an EDU prefix) required by the State of Illinois.
- e. Beyond the minimum coursework requirement, the content, structure, and extent of a minor are prerogatives of the individual program committees within the schools and colleges of the university, except as otherwise defined or restricted by the academic regulations.
 - f. No "D" will apply toward minors.
 - g. A maximum of four (4) semester hours of credit/no credit coursework will apply toward a minor.

Student-Initiated Major

- a. Divisional: This major is prepared jointly between the student and the Program Chair. Said concentration is reviewed and approved by the Program Chair and Academic Dean. An initial conference should be held with the appropriate Program Chair at which time the general plan for the student-initiated major will be reviewed. Subsequent conferences with the Program Chair or his/her designate(s) will be concerned with developing the specific program. When completed, the Program Chair will present the concentration to the Academic Dean for approval and filed in the student's permanent academic record.
- b. Interdivisional: This major is developed by the student and Program Chair with appropriate consultation from the Academic Dean and University Registrar. An initial conference with the Program Chair should be held at which time the general plan for the student-initiated major will be discussed. Subsequent conferences with the Program Chair, Academic Dean, and University Registrar will be concerned with developing the specific program. When completed, the program will be presented for approval by the Program Chair, Academic Dean, and University Registrar whereupon it will be filed in the student's permanent academic record.
- c. At least half the courses in a student-initiated major must remain to be earned at the time the concentration is presented for approval.

Regulations Governing Minors

- a. Minors at Aurora University are optional. They are not required for graduation.
- b. A minor shall comprise a minimum of 18 semester hours.
- c. At least 25% of the credits applied to a minor must be earned at AU.
- d. Each minor must be developed and monitored by an approved program committee of the faculty; new or substantially revised minors require the approval of the Board of Trustees based on recommendations from the program committee, the appropriate school/college governance bodies, the Academic Dean, appropriate

university governance bodies, the Chief Academic Officer, and the President.