

DUAL MAJORS, MINORS, AND DUAL OBJECTIVES

Students may pursue a dual major or a minor as part of a single objective.

Dual Major

Dual majors pursued under an academic policy that defines the dual major's requirements can be certified if both majors are approved. Only courses required to complete the dual major can be certified. During VA site visits, or during compliance surveys, if VA reviews a case for a student who is pursuing dual majors, we should ensure the student is not enrolled in courses outside either major and that the courses are approved.

Minor

A minor pursued as part of an approved major can be certified, even if the minor will require additional credit to graduate. Only courses required to complete the degree, including the minor, can be certified.

ROTC Programs

A student in a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program is commissioned as an officer if he or she receives a degree. The objective of commissioned officer is a professional objective. Students in a ROTC program can be certified for courses required for their degree (including electives) **and** for courses required for the ROTC program.

Dual Objectives

A student may want to pursue a dual objective. For example, a student may want to concurrently pursue two different degrees or pursue a degree and a certificate. A program of education may lead to more than one educational, professional, or vocational objective if all objectives pursued are generally recognized as being reasonably related to a single career field. The objectives do not necessarily have to be on the same professional or technical level.

Specific approval procedures vary among institution types and states. Check with your ELR about dual objective approvals. A combination of two approved degree programs at the same school does not need additional approval.