

DOUBLE MAJORING, MINORING, DOUBLE COUNTING COURSE CREDITS

Disciplinary Majors

A disciplinary major is a major in a traditional academic discipline. A student selecting a disciplinary major completes the number of credit hours in that field as specified by the program. At least half of the course credits in a major must be completed at Guilford.

Interdisciplinary Majors

An interdisciplinary major utilizes theoretical perspectives for analysis from more than one traditional academic discipline. A student selecting an interdisciplinary major completes the number of credit hours in courses specified by the program. Some interdisciplinary majors must also complete a second disciplinary major. At least half of the major must be completed at Guilford.

Double Majors

A double major consists of two distinct majors. A student must complete the number of discrete credits required for each major, but courses can double count between the two majors. Also, to earn a double major, a student must complete all requirements for each of the two majors.

All Guilford College graduates are awarded one degree. Students may complete the requirements for more than one major. When students have completed the requirements for more than one major, and those majors offer different degrees (A.B., B.S., B.M., B.F.A.), a student will select which degree will be awarded. Although each graduate is awarded only one degree, all majors completed by a student are listed on a student's permanent academic transcript.

For a student to earn a major at Guilford, the student must complete at least half of the major credit hour requirements at Guilford. This requirement applies to each major a student earns. The minimum grade to satisfy a major is a C- in each of the courses required for a major, unless otherwise specified for professional licensure. In order for credit/no credit courses to count toward a major, they must be explicitly designated as such in the Guilford College Catalog.

Minors

The Guilford curriculum features interdisciplinary and disciplinary minors that provide coherent plans of study for students with special interests apart from their majors or who wish to pursue further study related to the major. Minors normally consist of four courses.

Students must take at least 44 credit hours to meet this requirement: at least 30 discrete credits for the major and at least 14 discrete credits for the minor. The discrete credits counting in the major are not allowed to count in the minor and the discrete credits counting in the minor are not allowed to count in the major. In the case where a student wishes to use a single course to fulfill requirements for both a major and a minor, she or he may do so as long as the 44-hour minimum is maintained (this may require taking additional courses). This rule is related only to discrete credits when a course meets requirements in both the major and minor for the purposes of double-counting. It does not pertain to the completion of major or minor requirements, which is not negotiable. A minor is not required for graduation.

There are two restrictions on choosing a minor in relationship to majors:

1) Students cannot choose a minor that has the same name as their

major. For example, English majors cannot choose an English minor. 2) Students cannot satisfy the minor requirement with a minor that has a note in its catalog description prohibiting students from combining this minor with their chosen major. For example, the forensic science minor description prohibits students from combining this minor with the forensic biology major.