

# DECLARATION OF MAJOR/ MINOR

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## First-Year Students

Upon enrollment, first-year students may declare a major, which will guide the student and academic advisor in course planning. Recognizing that many students have not chosen a career path at the time of admission, the University offers direction and guidance through the Exploratory Program. Students in the Exploratory Program work with a team of dedicated advisors offering highly individualized attention to aid students in identifying their potential and purpose and connecting this purpose to a pathway for life.

Students are encouraged to declare during their sophomore year and are expected to have declared by the end of their sophomore year.

## Transfer Students

Bay Path University provides highly individualized attention to support the individual needs for each student transferring to the university with prior college enrollment(s). Each transfer student works closely with a representative from the Registrar's Office and an academic advisor to clarify the particular requirements of their declared major and to determine what requirements have been satisfied through transfer courses and what requirements remain. Transfer students will continue to consult with their academic advisor regarding academic passions, post-graduate plans, and personal interests.

Transfer students are encouraged to declare after earning 45 credits and are expected to have declared after earning 60 credits.

Note that stating a major interest on your admission application does not constitute declaring a major.

## Declaring a Major/Minor

This policy differs (slightly) by division, and can be referenced in the Trad & TAWC catalogs under the "Declaring a Major" and "Declaring a Minor" headings (under Academic Policies and Procedures) and are linked below.

### Traditional Undergraduate

- Declaring a Major (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/traditional-undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-major/>)
- Declaring a Minor (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/traditional-undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-minor/>)

### The American Women's College

- Declaring a Major (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/american-womens-college/academic-policies-procedures/declaration-major/>)
- Declaring a Minor (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/american-womens-college/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-minor-certificate/>)

## Declaring a Certificate

This policy differs (slightly) by division and can be referenced in the Trad & TAWC catalogs under the "Declaring a Certificate" heading (under Academic Policies and Procedures) and are linked below.

### Traditional Undergraduate

- Declaring a Certificate (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/traditional-undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-certificate/>)

### The American Women's College

- Declaring a Certificate (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/american-womens-college/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-minor-certificate/>)

## Declaring Double Majors

This policy differs (slightly) by division and can be referenced in the Trad & TAWC catalogs under the "Declaring Double Majors" heading (under Academic Policies and Procedures) and are linked below.

### Traditional Undergraduate

- Declaring Double Majors (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/traditional-undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-double-majors/>)

### The American Women's College

- Declaring Double Majors (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/american-womens-college/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-double-major/>)

## Multiple Bachelor Degrees

This policy is referenced in the Traditional Undergraduate catalog under the "Declaring Dual Degrees" heading (under Academic Policies and Procedures) and is linked below.

### Traditional Undergraduate

- Declaring Dual Degrees (<https://catalog.baypath.edu/traditional-undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/declaring-dual-degrees/>)

## Policy on Transfer of Undergraduate Courses into Minors

A student wishing to transfer courses into one of the University's minors bears the burden of proving that the courses are appropriate and relevant to the minor. Requests to accept transfer course credits into minors are reviewed on an individual basis by the student's academic advisor and department chair. A maximum of 6 credits may be transferred into a minor. To ensure the value of a minor, the advisor and chair will determine whether the transfer courses are recent enough to apply to the minor or if the courses will apply only to open elective credit. At least one upper level course must be completed at Bay Path University. The department chair has final word on the name of the minor and the application of credits toward a minor; department chair decisions regarding transfer credits into minors are final and not subject to appeal.