

Proposed Rule 53 (see below) will replace existing Rules 53 and 56 (see the following page).

53. ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR (Proposed)

The undergraduate major is the in-depth field of study leading to the degree and includes a set of core courses that has been approved by the academic unit offering the major, as well as by the college and the Faculty Senate. The major represents approximately one-third (40) of the credit hours required for the undergraduate degree, though some majors require a higher percentage of the total credit hours. While most majors lead to a degree that shares the same name, some majors lead to a degree with a broader title (e.g., an Accounting major leads to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration).

Admission to the Major:

Major Requirements: Students can be admitted to a major upon enrollment if they satisfy the requirements set by the academic department. Students who are uncertain of their major, exploring majors, or not ready to declare a major will enroll as a Deciding/Exploring student. Exploring/Deciding students will declare a major before reaching 60 credits.

Academic units will provide students with a specific pathway to the degree that outlines major requirements (for example, grade point average, completion of specific courses) that students must achieve in order to be admitted and maintain eligibility for the major and degree.

Consult the catalog for specific major requirements.

Loss of Eligibility and Re-Entry to the Major:

University Requirements: A student in any major whose GPA falls below 2.0 is academically deficient under Rules 38 or 39 and may be released by the academic department.

A student is eligible to re-enter the major when the cumulative and major grade point averages are at or above the minimum level required by the university; additional departmental requirements for the major may also need to be met. Requirements for maintaining eligibility and completing the major will be those stated in the *WSU Catalog* at the time of re-entry into the major.

Departmental Requirements: A student who falls below the *minimum departmental requirements* for maintaining eligibility in the major, as approved by Faculty Senate and published in the *WSU Catalog*, may be released by the department after two semesters of falling below that minimum. The department must notify the student at the end of the first semester and establish conditions in writing that must be met the following semester of enrollment. If conditions are not met at the end of the following semester, documentation must be provided to the Academic Success and Career Center along with the request to release the student from the major.

A student may be eligible to re-enter into the same major when minimum departmental requirements are met. Contact department for information and options for meeting minimum departmental requirements for achieving and maintaining eligibility. Requirements for maintaining eligibility and completing the major will be those stated in the *WSU Catalog* at the time of re-entry into the major.

53. MAJOR AND CERTIFICATION (Current)

The undergraduate major is the in-depth field of study leading to the degree and includes a set of core courses that has been approved by the academic unit offering the major, as well as the college, and the Faculty Senate. The major represents approximately one-third of the credit hours required for the undergraduate degree, though some majors require a higher percentage of the total credit hours. While most majors lead to a degree that shares the same name, some majors lead to a degree with a broader title (e.g., an Accounting major leads to the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration).

Certification requirements: The minimum university requirement for certification in a major is completion of 24 semester hours with a 2.00 grade point average. Academic units may hold students to additional requirements, such as additional semester hours, a higher grade point average, or completion of specific courses. Typically, students with 60 or more semester hours should be certified into a major. Students are certified in an academic major with the approval of the academic unit, and upon notification to the appropriate office on their respective campus.

Consult the catalog for specific major and certification requirements.

56. DECERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION (Current)

University Decertification and Recertification: A student, certified in any major, whose GPA falls below 2.0 is academically deficient under Rules 38 or 39 and may be decertified by the academic department.

A decertified student may be eligible to recertify in a major, on a space-available basis, when the cumulative and major grade point averages are at or above the minimum level required for certification. Requirements for maintaining certification and completing the major will be those stated in the WSU Catalog at the time of recertification.

Departmental Decertification and Recertification: A certified student who falls below the minimum departmental requirements for maintaining certification in the major, as approved by Faculty Senate and published in the WSU Catalog, may be decertified by the department after two semesters of falling below that minimum. The department must notify the student at the end of the first semester and establish conditions in writing that must be met the following semester of enrollment. If conditions are not met at the end of the following semester, documentation must be provided to the Academic Success and Career Center along with the request to decertify a student.

A decertified student may be eligible to recertify into the same major, on a space-available basis, when minimum departmental requirements for certification are met. Contact department for information and options for meeting minimum departmental requirements for achieving and maintaining certification. Requirements for maintaining certification and completing the major will be those stated in the WSU Catalog at the time of recertification.

Certain programs of practice may be subject to more stringent requirements in grading, repeating coursework, and retention (Academic Regulation 42). See Education, Pharmacy, Medicine, and Nursing for Professional Dispositions standards.