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Dual Major vs. Dual Baccalaureate

What makes them different and why might a student prefer one over the other?

What is a Dual Major?

A dual major involves a primary major and a secondary major amounting to a **total of 120 credits at graduation**. The primary major requires a student to complete all the requirements outlined in the undergraduate catalog; the secondary major only requires the main major requirements, not the Liberal Studies elective requirements.

Another Option to Consider: Certificates

IUP offers **certificates** across all colleges. Like minors, they require fewer credits than a major. Certificates focus on a discipline within a certain major. For example, Communications Media offers a photography and digital imaging certificate. See a full list of certificates in the undergraduate catalogue.



What is a Dual Baccalaureate?

A Dual Baccalaureate, as outlined by the undergraduate catalog, still requires a primary and secondary degree designation. However, a dual baccalaureate involves the **completion of all requirements for both de-grees, and a student must earn 30 credits over the total credit requirement for their primary major**. A student must earn a mini-mum of 150 credits to graduate with a dual baccalaureate. The student will also receive **two separate diplomas at graduation**, one for each baccalaureate degree.

Why pursue a Dual Baccalaureate?

Simply put, a student is more qualified with a dual baccalaureate. It can make them more competitive in the job market and it can further options for graduate school. The downside, however, is that it does take more time and credit hours to achieve. A student should consider this when considering a dual baccalaureate over a dual major.

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Read more on Dual Baccalaureate degrees in the Undergraduate catalog under the **Academic Policies** section.

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