ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
POLICY MANUAL

2-221 Academic Degree Programs (formerly 2-202)

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A. Definition of Academic Degree Program

An academic degree program is a course of study with a prescribed set of requirements which a student must complete. It is identified by a specific degree title and a specific major subject matter area. The name of the major must reflect accurately the skills, competencies, and knowledge to be attained in the course of studies.

B. Minors

An institution may offer a minor in any subject matter area in which it has an approved degree program or sequence of approved courses that constitute an interdisciplinary minor or minor in a specialized area of study.

C. Subspecializations

Within each academic degree program, the Universities may offer subspecialties which may be called emphases, concentrations, specializations, or other appropriate terminology which indicates a subdivision of the major. Undergraduate subspecializations may not develop to the extent that they require students to complete more than 60 percent of the total number of credit hours required in courses in the major field of study.

D. Master's Degrees

An institution may offer a master's degree in any subject matter area in which it has an approved doctoral degree program.

E. Master's enroute to a doctoral degree

An institution may confer, on an individual basis, a master's degree in any subject matter area in which it has an approved doctoral degree program. The master's degree will carry the same title as that of the doctoral program.

Policy History

2/8/2013 The Board repealed 2-202 and adopted 2-221 in its place.

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