CHOOSING A MAJOR

The Core Curriculum requirements allow students to explore a broad range of subjects, while the major and minor provide in-depth study of one or more fields. A major may require as few as 30 units and as many as 84 units. The exact number varies and is set by the academic department.

All students must declare a major or be in a pre-major by the time they complete 60 units. Students needing assistance with selecting a major may contact the Academic Advising Center. In order to add or change a major or minor, students must complete the Change of Major/Minor Form available online.

Please note that some terminology used in PeopleSoft and the catalog are interchangeable. For example: majors and minors are referred to as Academic Plans in PeopleSoft; concentrations and tracks are referred to as Academic Sub-Plans. Credits are also referred to as units.

Major

A major consists of courses required of a particular discipline that may include both lower-level (100–200) and upper-level (300–400) courses within and outside the discipline. A grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher is required in all courses completed toward the major.

Concentration (MHEC Approved)

A concentration is a sequential arrangement of courses representing a specialized area of study within a program. A concentration requires a minimum of 24 units and should have enough unique units to distinguish it from the major, a track or another concentration. A concentration will appear on the student’s transcript as a Sub-Plan upon graduation.

Track (Towson University Approved)

A track is a sequential arrangement of courses representing a specialized area of study within a program. A track requires between 18 and 23 units; two-thirds of the units should be unique to that track and distinguish it from the major, a concentration or another track. No course can be common to all tracks and concentrations within a major. A track will appear on the student’s transcript as a Sub-Plan upon graduation.

Minor

A minor is an institutionally approved set of courses within a major area of study, or a separate, distinct thematic area of study consisting of at least 18, or no more than 30 units. A minimum of 12 units must be upper-level courses (300–400 numbered courses) and no more than 12 units can be taken outside of the minor or thematic discipline. A grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher is required in all courses completed toward the minor.

Double Major

A double major requires the completion of all requirements for each of two majors.

Combined Majors

A combined major enables a student to blend the requirements of two major fields, allowing students to take fewer units than if each major were completed separately.