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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 [https://www.towson.edu/academicadvising](https://www.towson.edu/academicadvising). 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. All students must complete a major in order to graduate. A grade equivalent of 2.00 or higher is required in all courses taken for the major. Majors are also called academic plans or programs.

Concentration (MHEC Approved)

A concentration is a group 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 another concentration or a track. A concentration will appear on the student’s transcript as a Sub-Plan upon graduation.

Track (Towson University Approved)

A track is a group 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 have enough unique units to distinguish it from another concentration or a track. 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. A minor must have at least 18 and no more than 30 units. At least 30% of the units in the minor must be upper-level (300-400) and no more than 12 units can be 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.

Screened/ Competitive Majors

Some programs of study are screened. Students must meet certain academic and/or curricular criteria, such as completing prerequisite courses or attaining a specific grade point average, before they are admitted to these programs.